

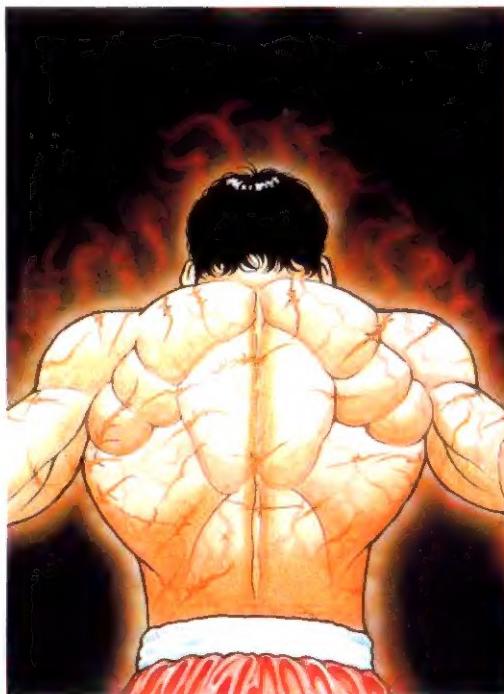


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その時武道館の熱狂は、
新たな格闘伝説の始まりを告げた。
勝ったのは刃牙。
謎につつまれた少年。
ヤツはどこから来たのか？

格闘士



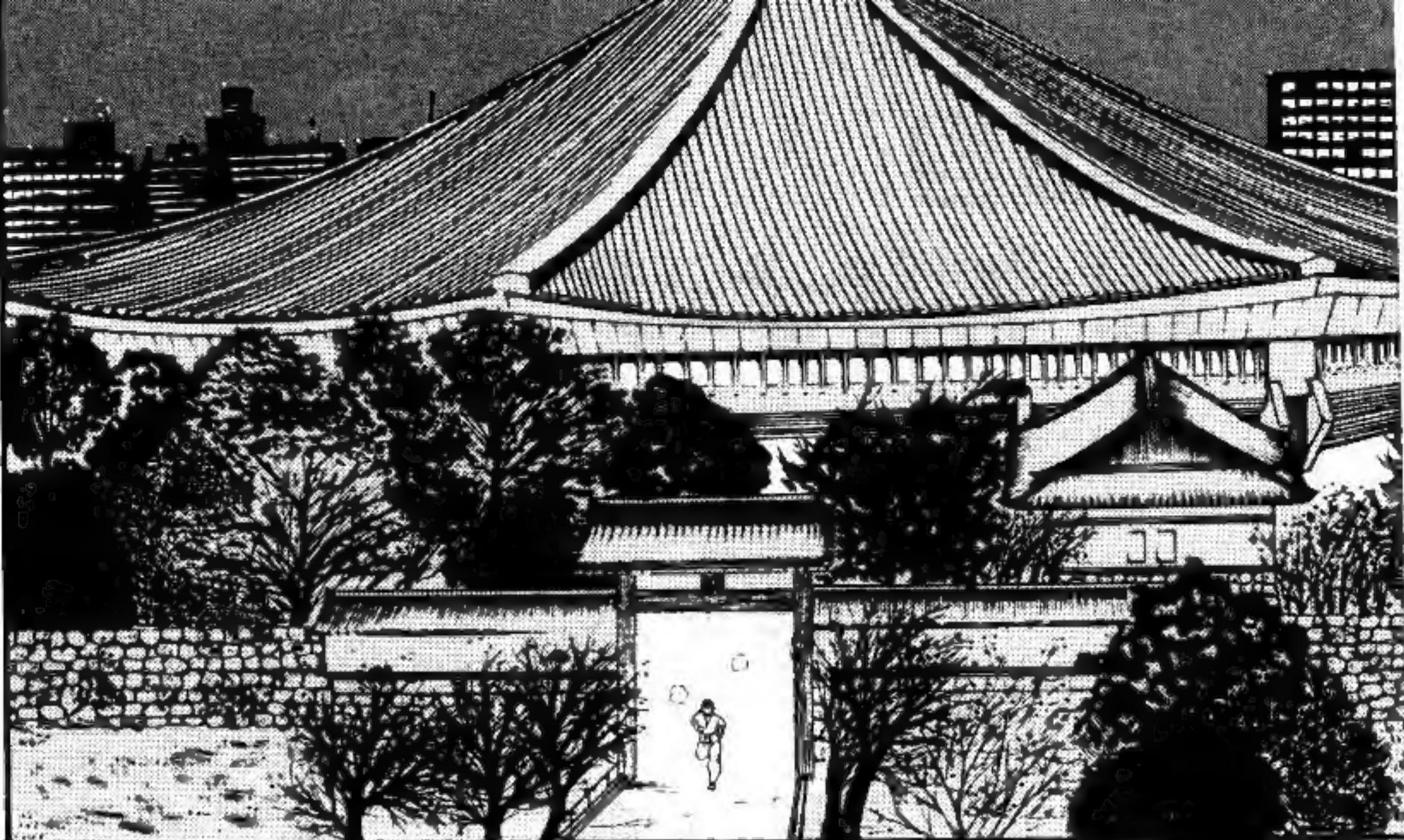
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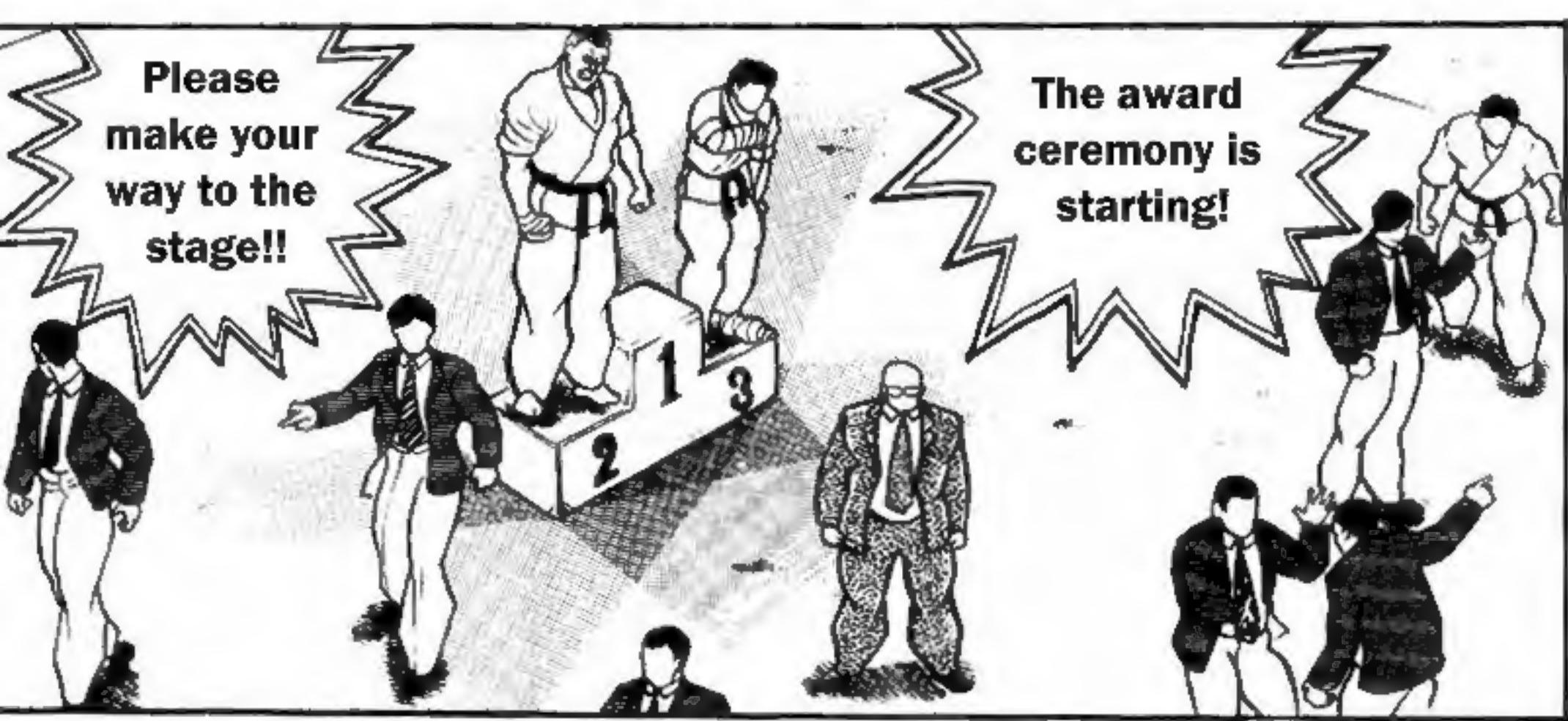
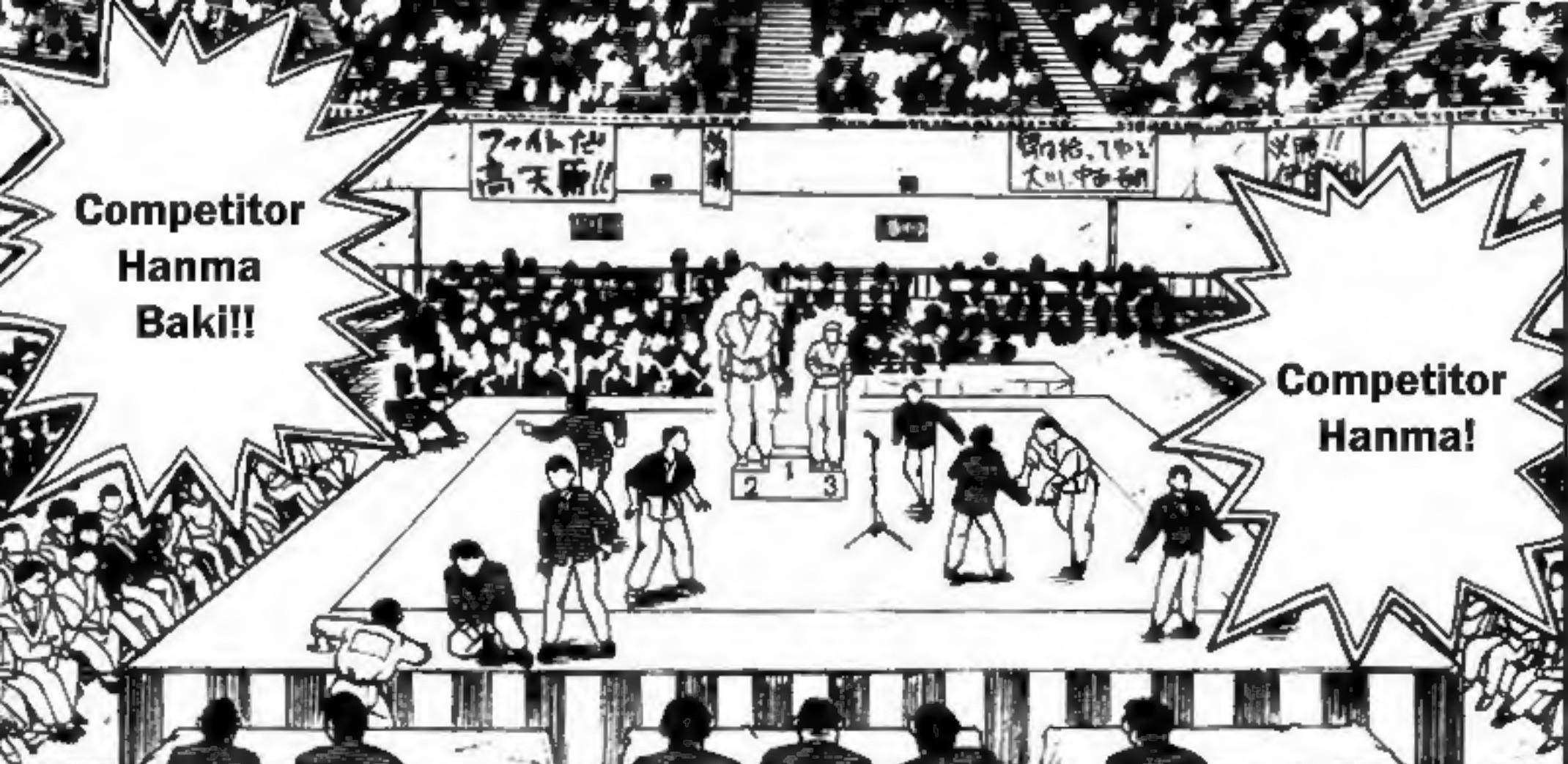
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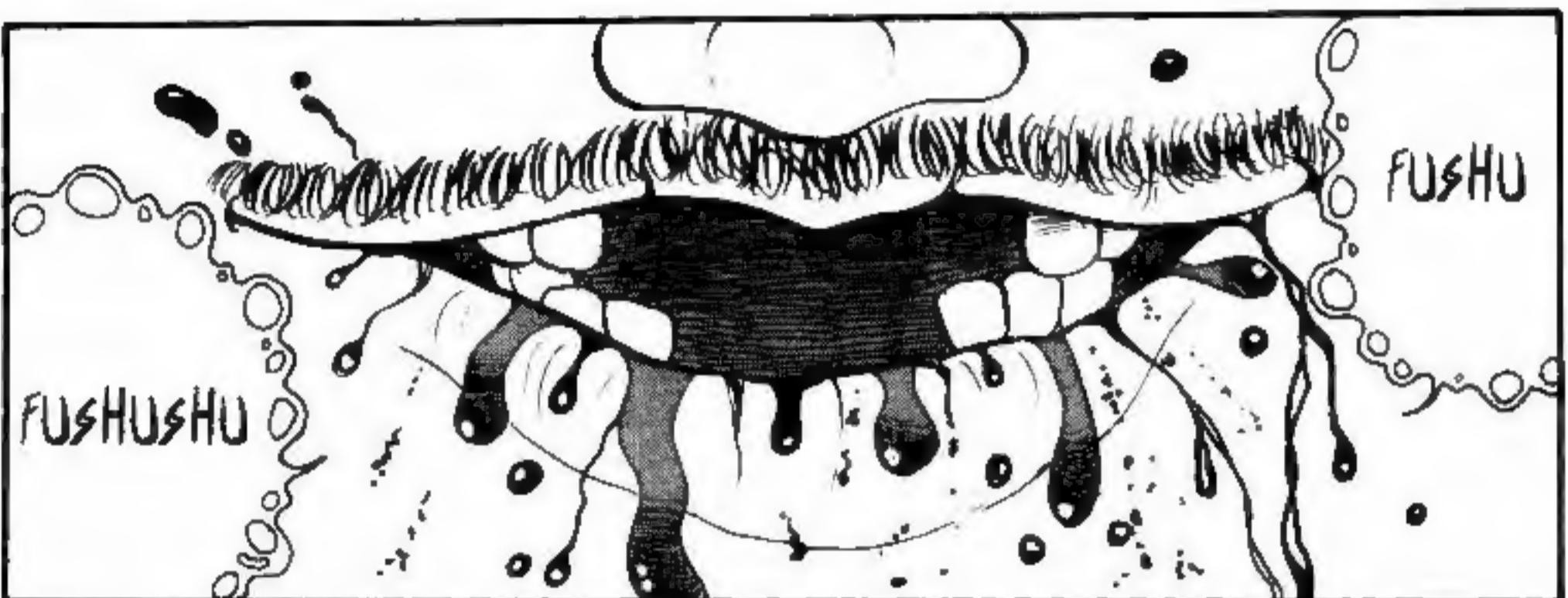
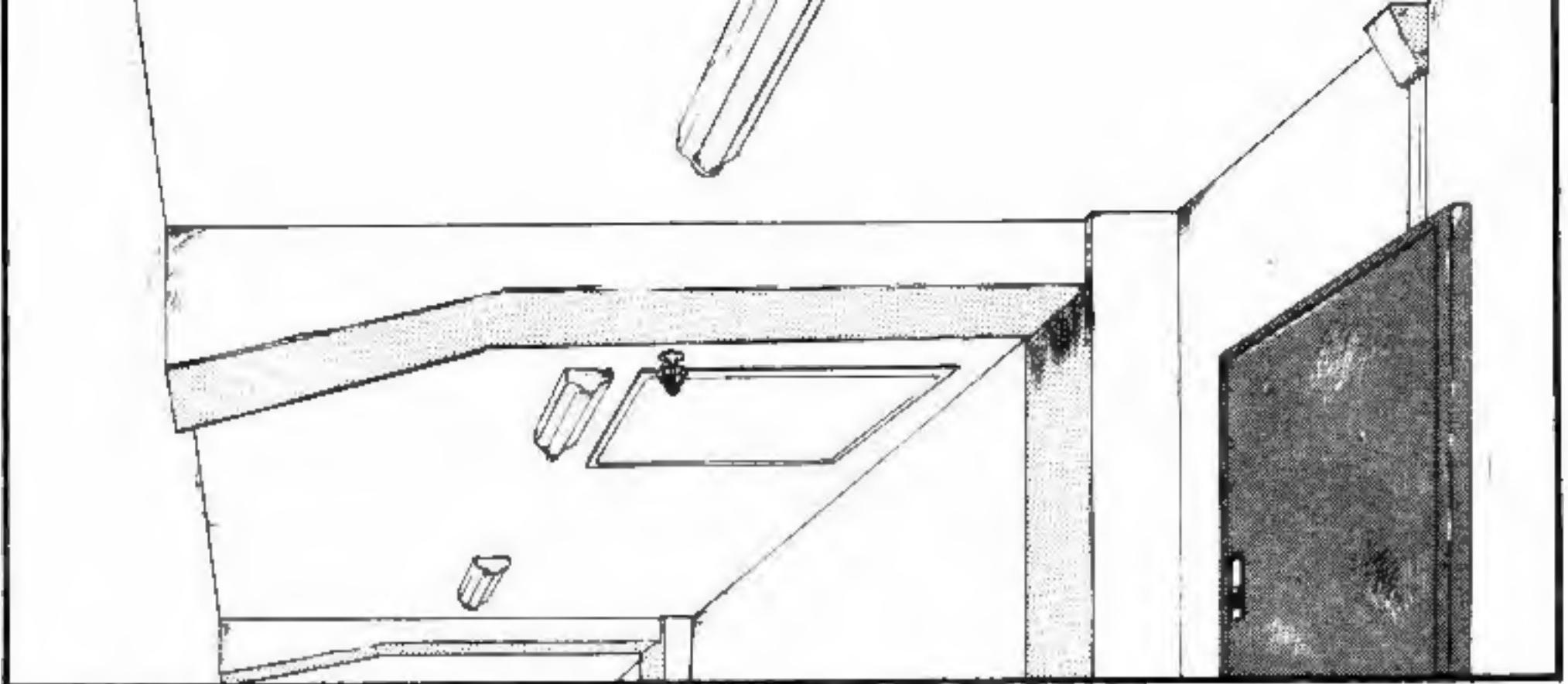
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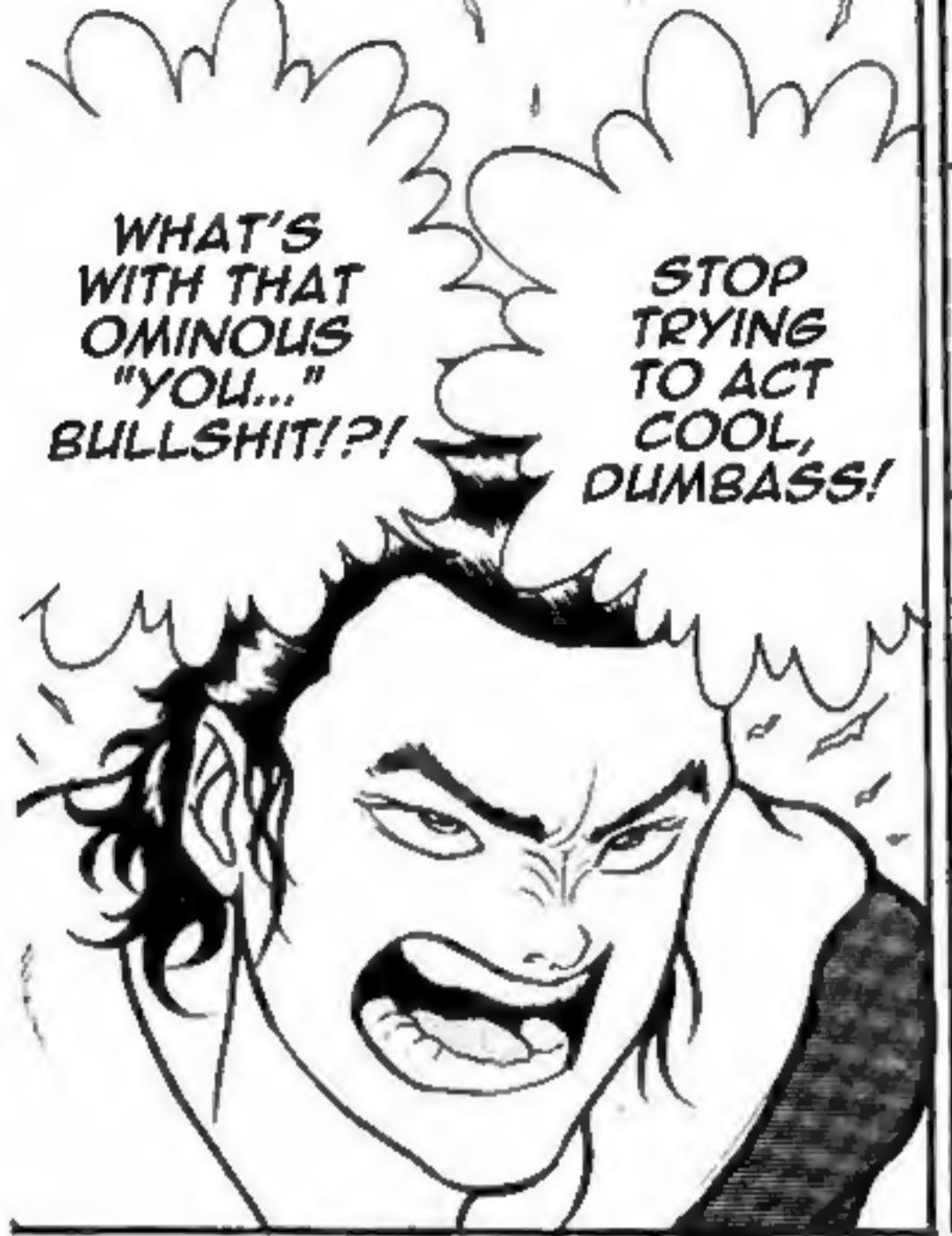
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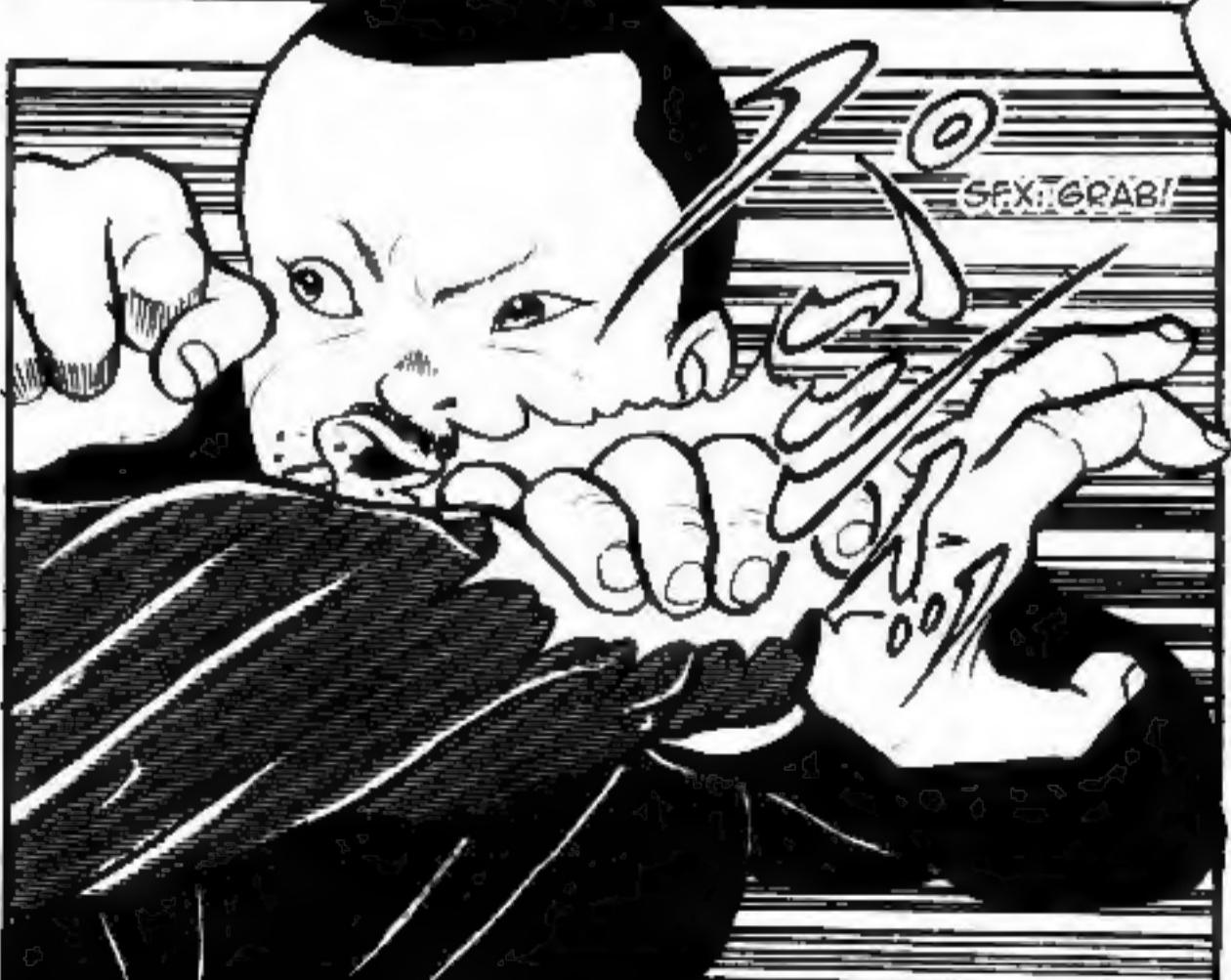


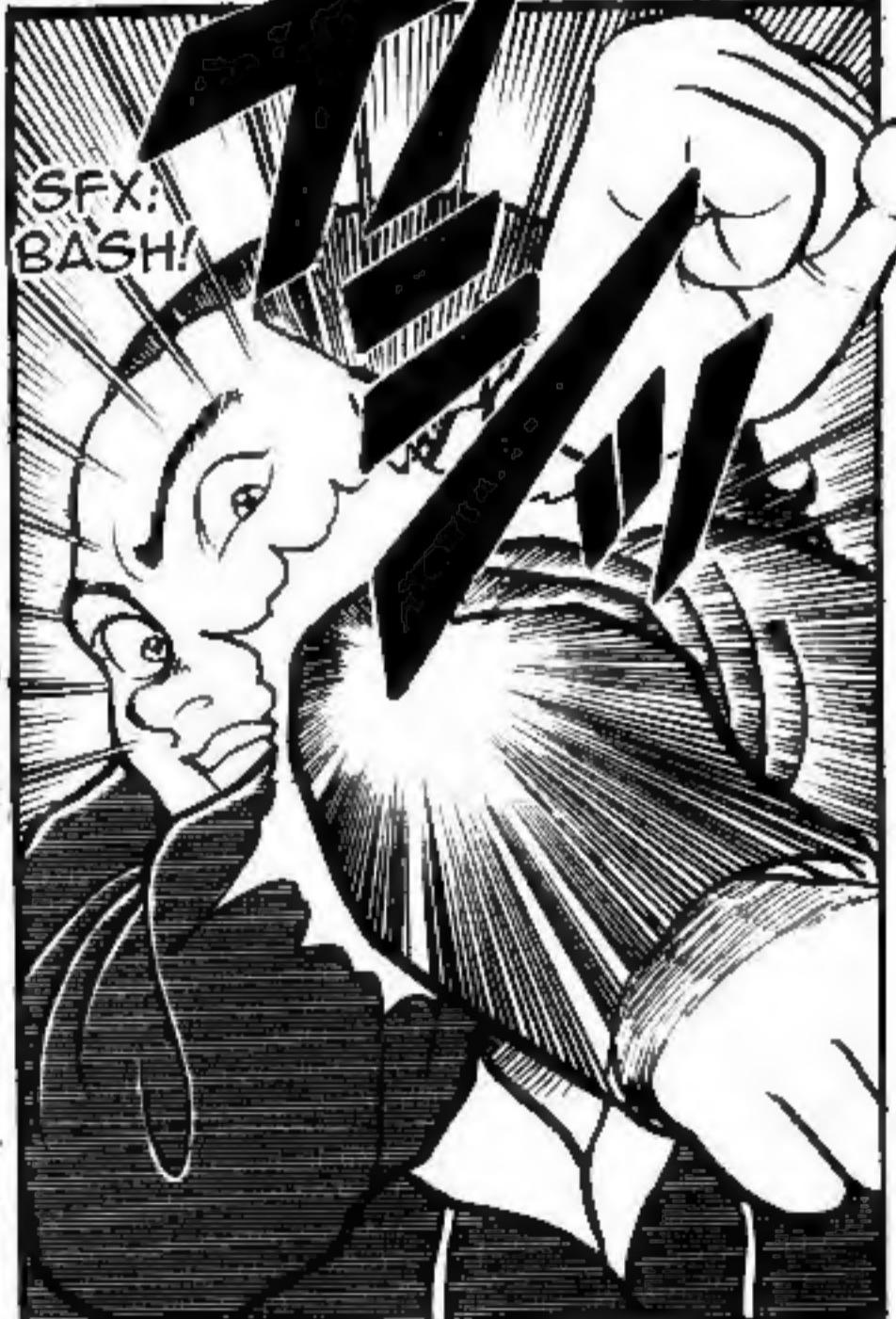






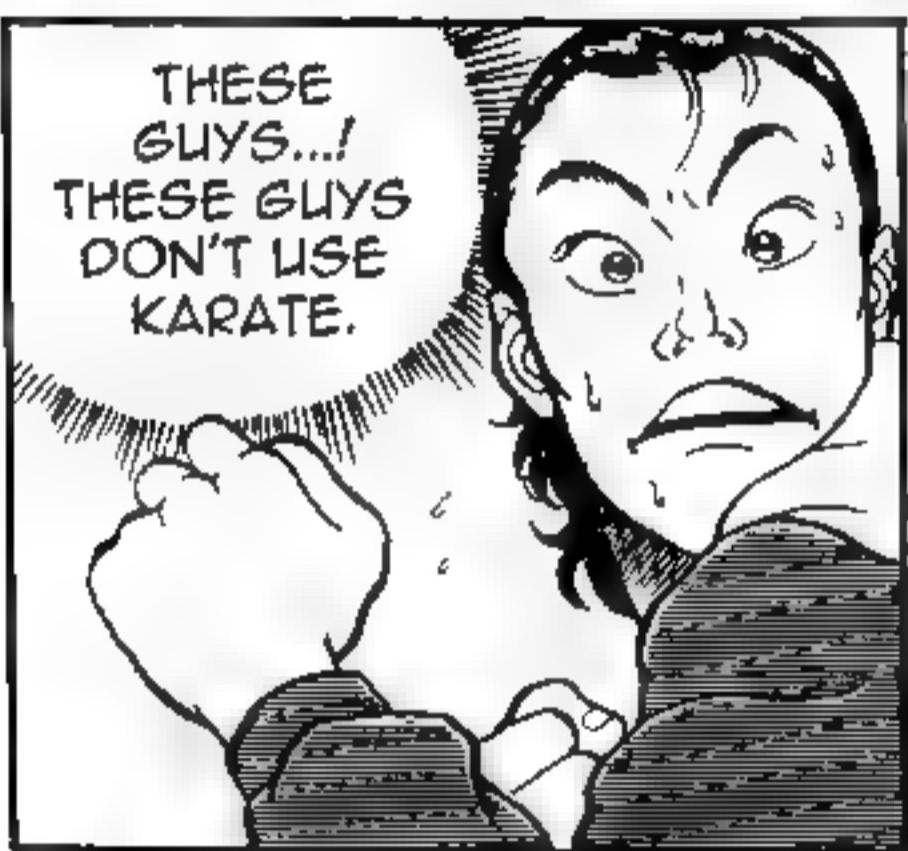
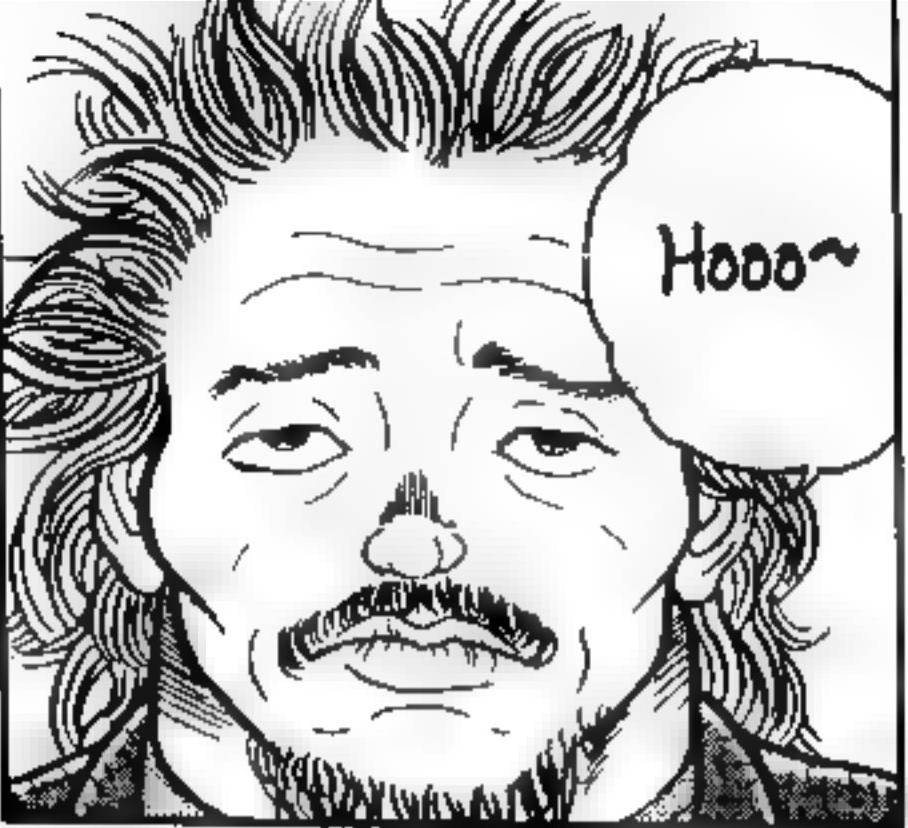


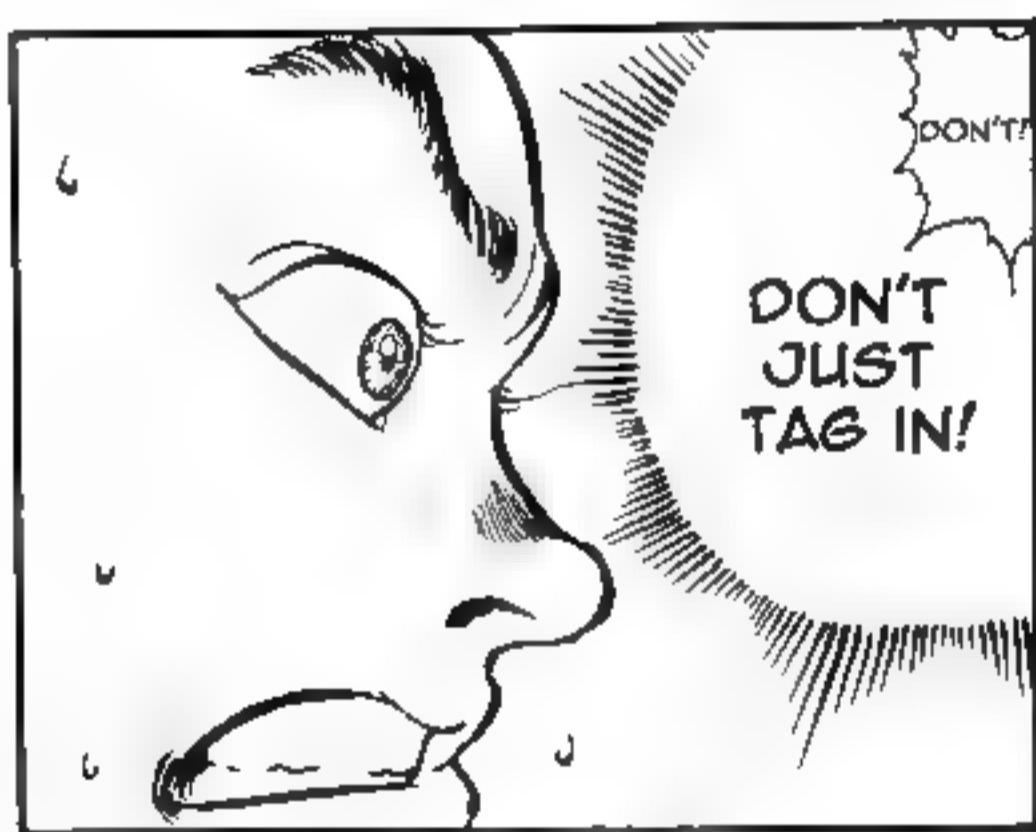
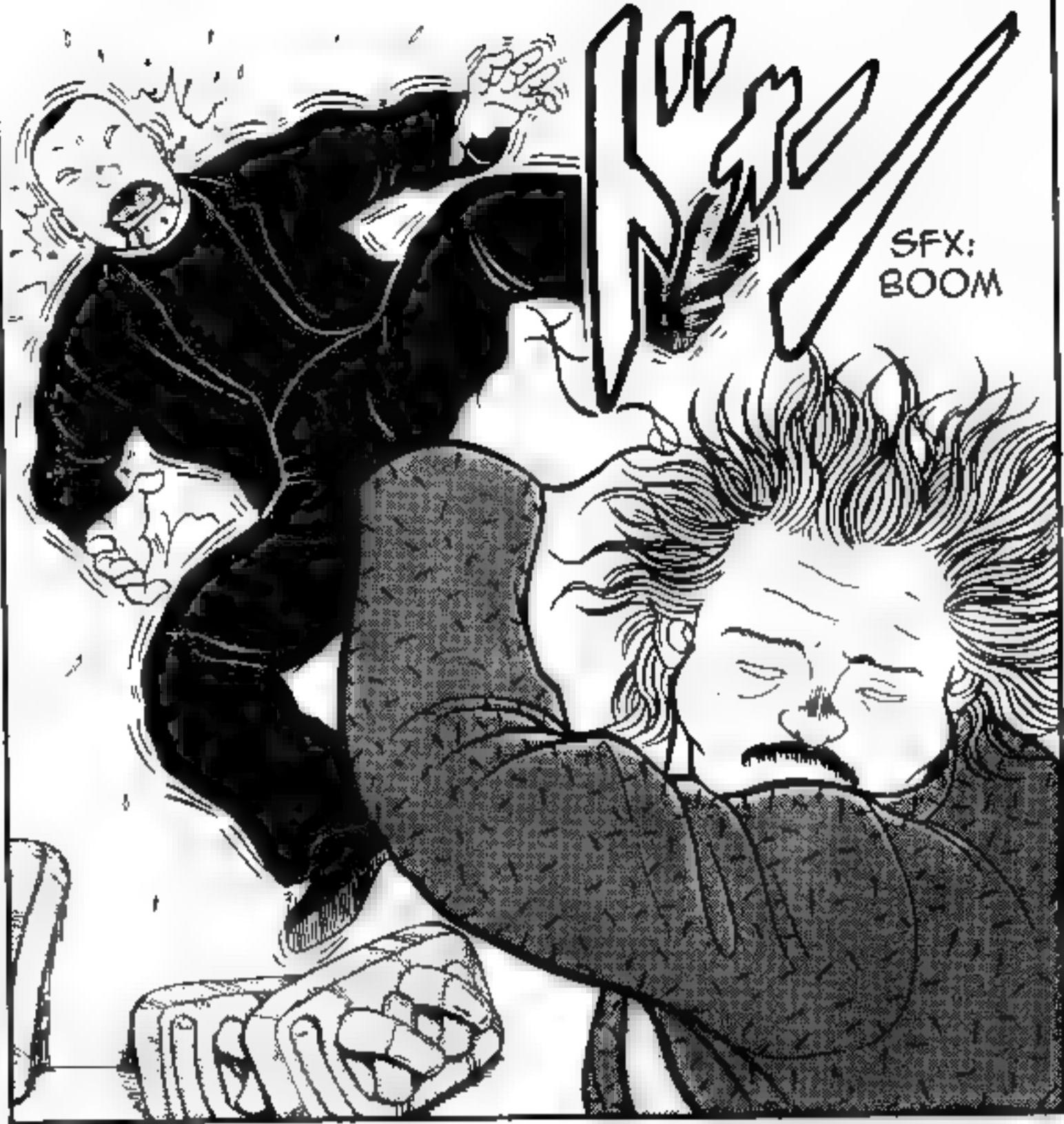




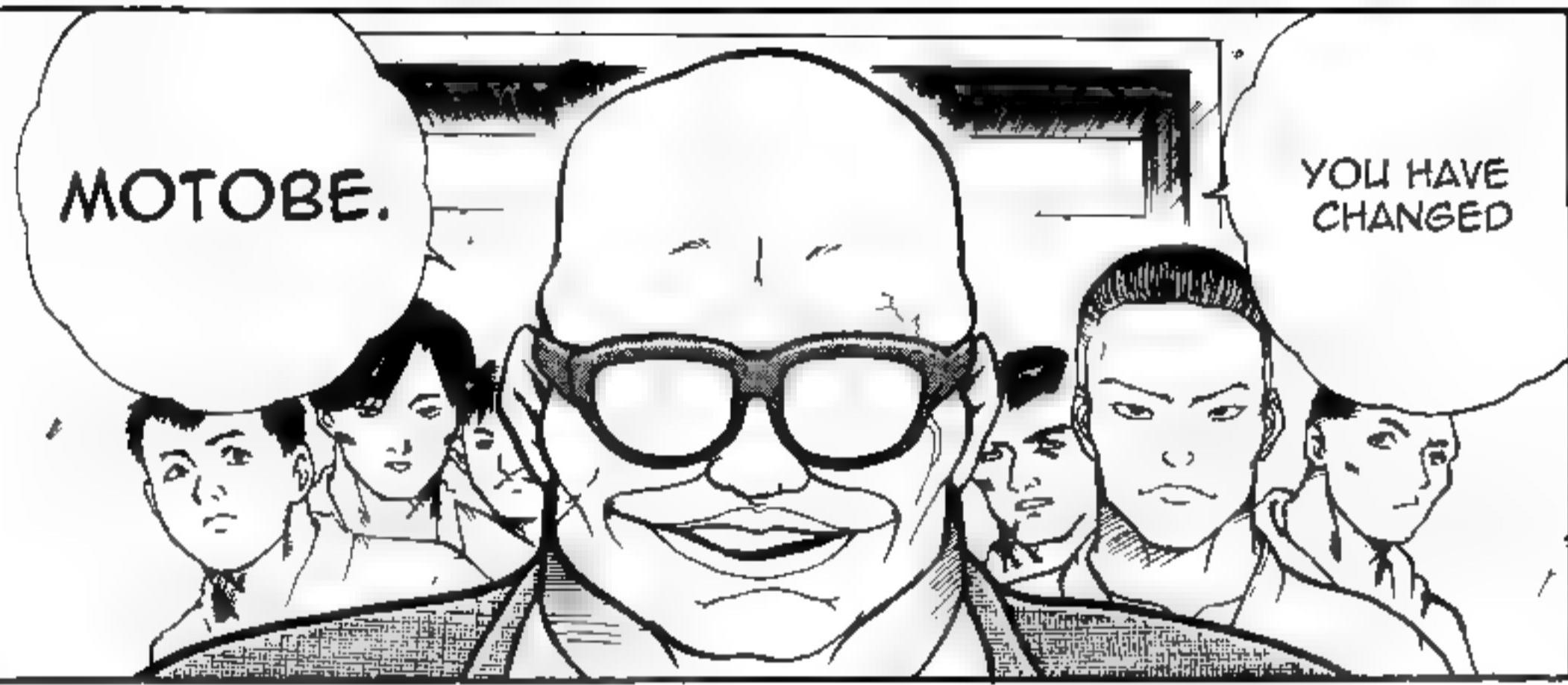


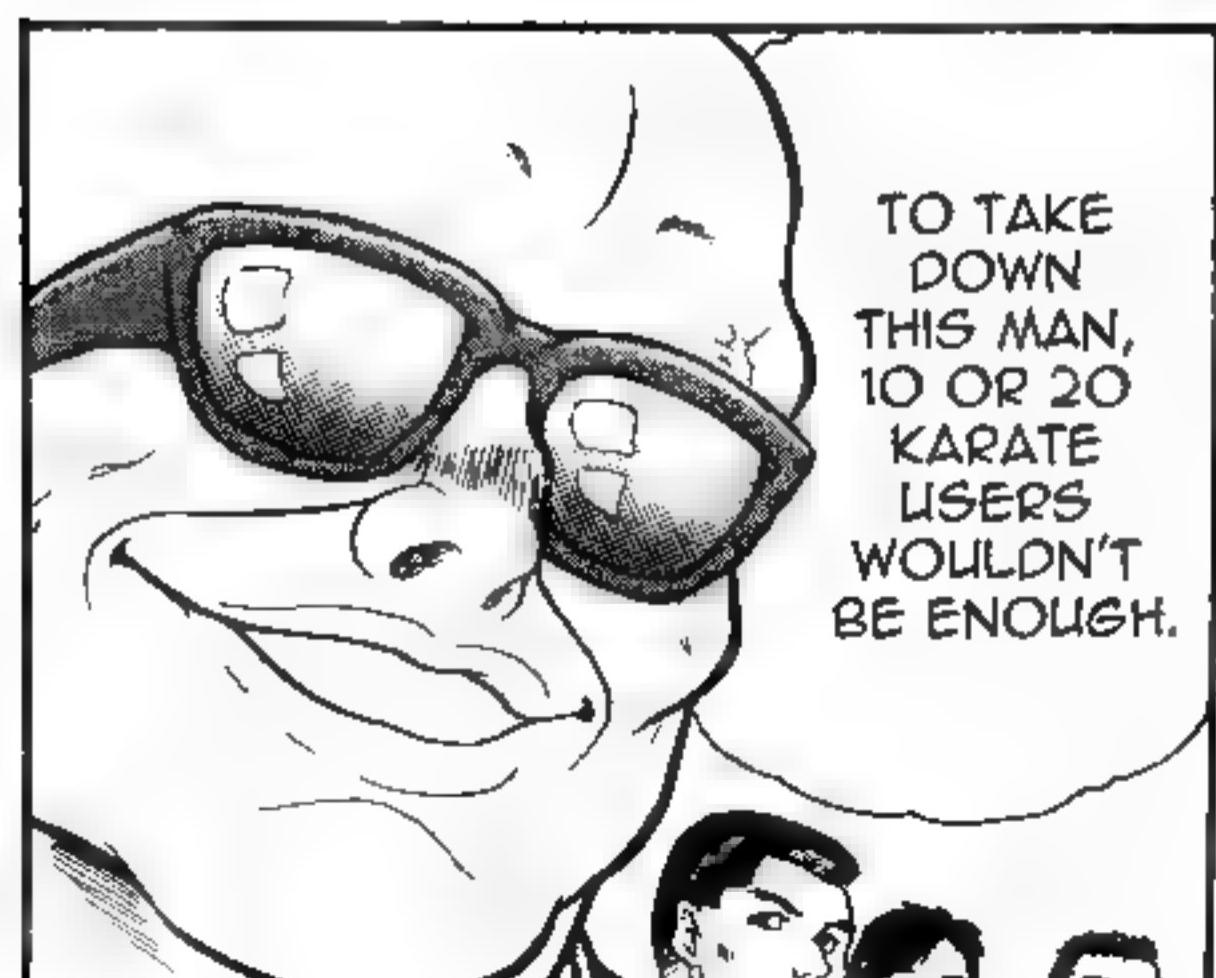
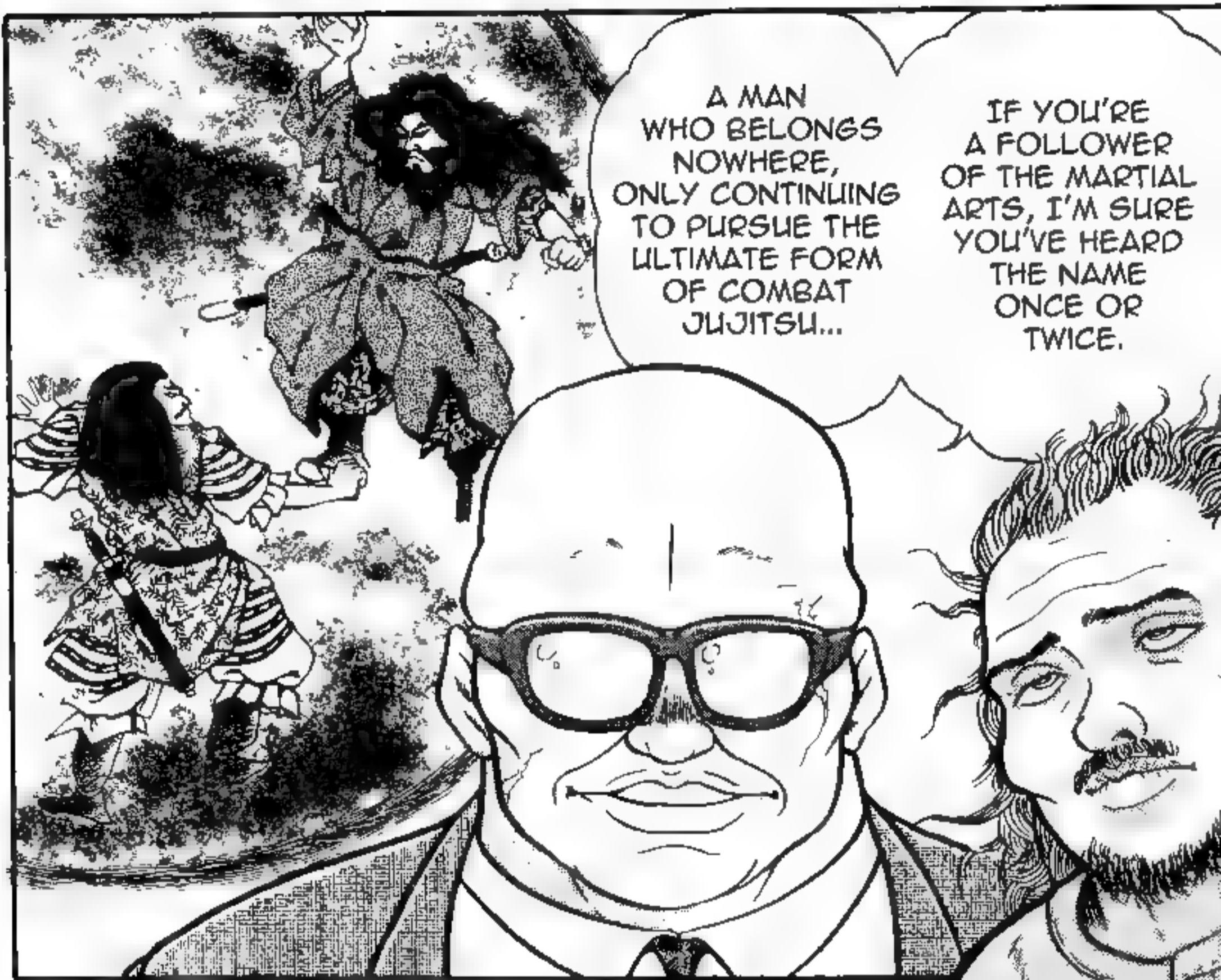












IF IT'S JUST
JIJITSU...
I JUST BEAT
HIS LITTLE
FOLLOWER.

DON'T JOKE
LIKE THAT,
DIRECTOR!

THAT'S LIKE
COMPARING
THE LITTLE
LEAGUES
TO THE BIG
LEAGUES.

HEH HEH HEH!
YOU WANT TO
COMPARE
MOTODE
TO KITOU?

But
you've
changed,
haven't
you?

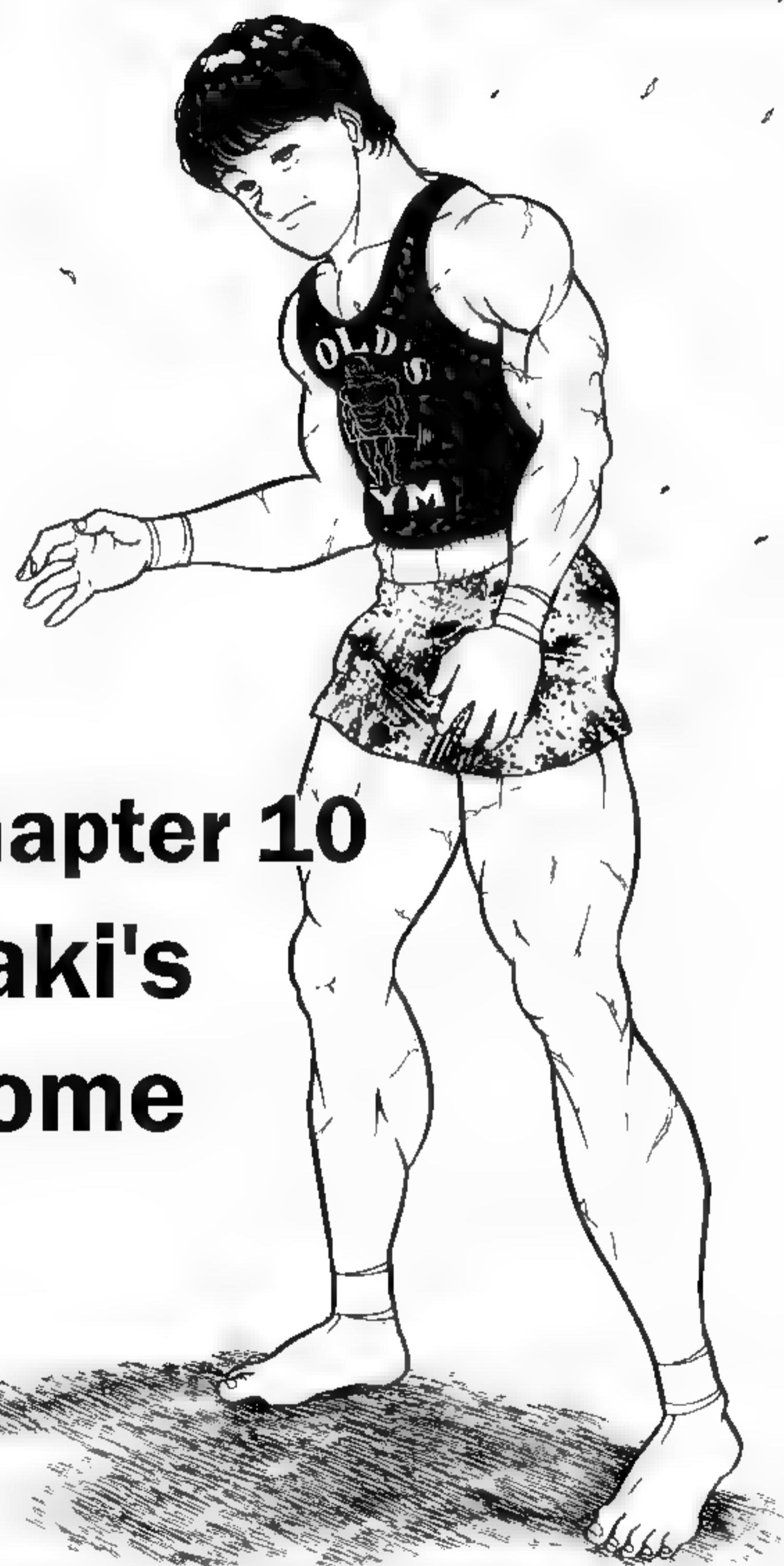








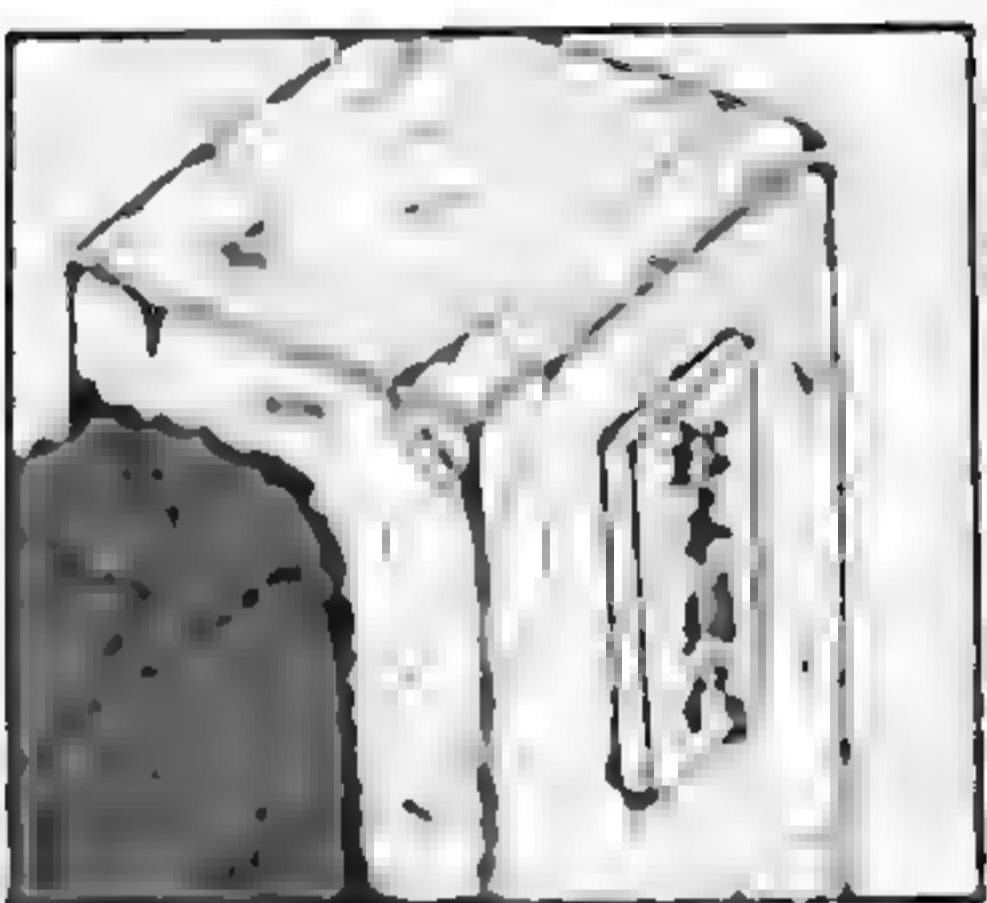


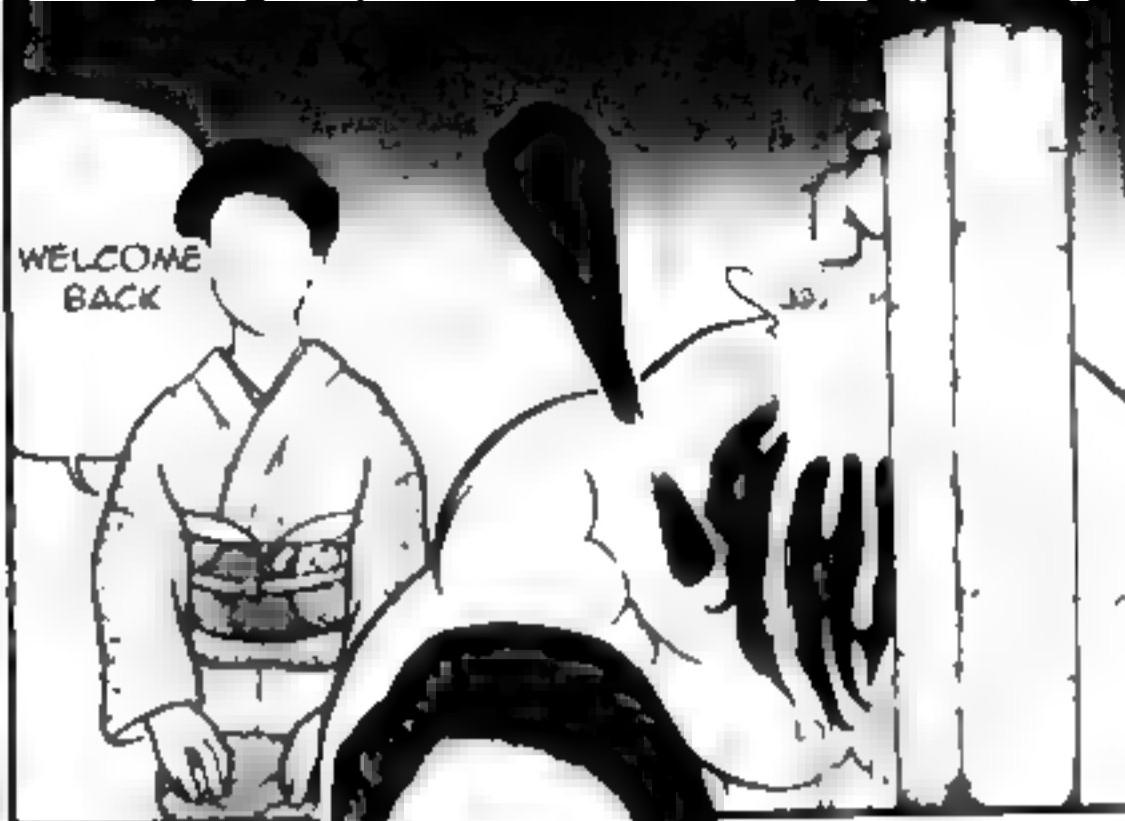


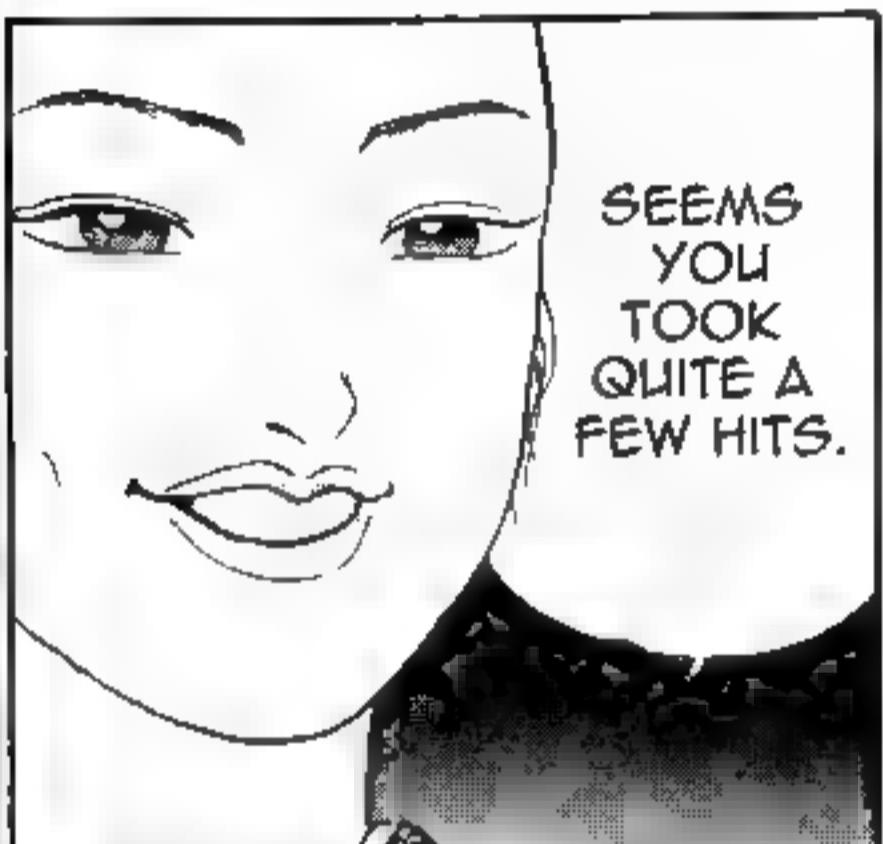
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Baki's

Home

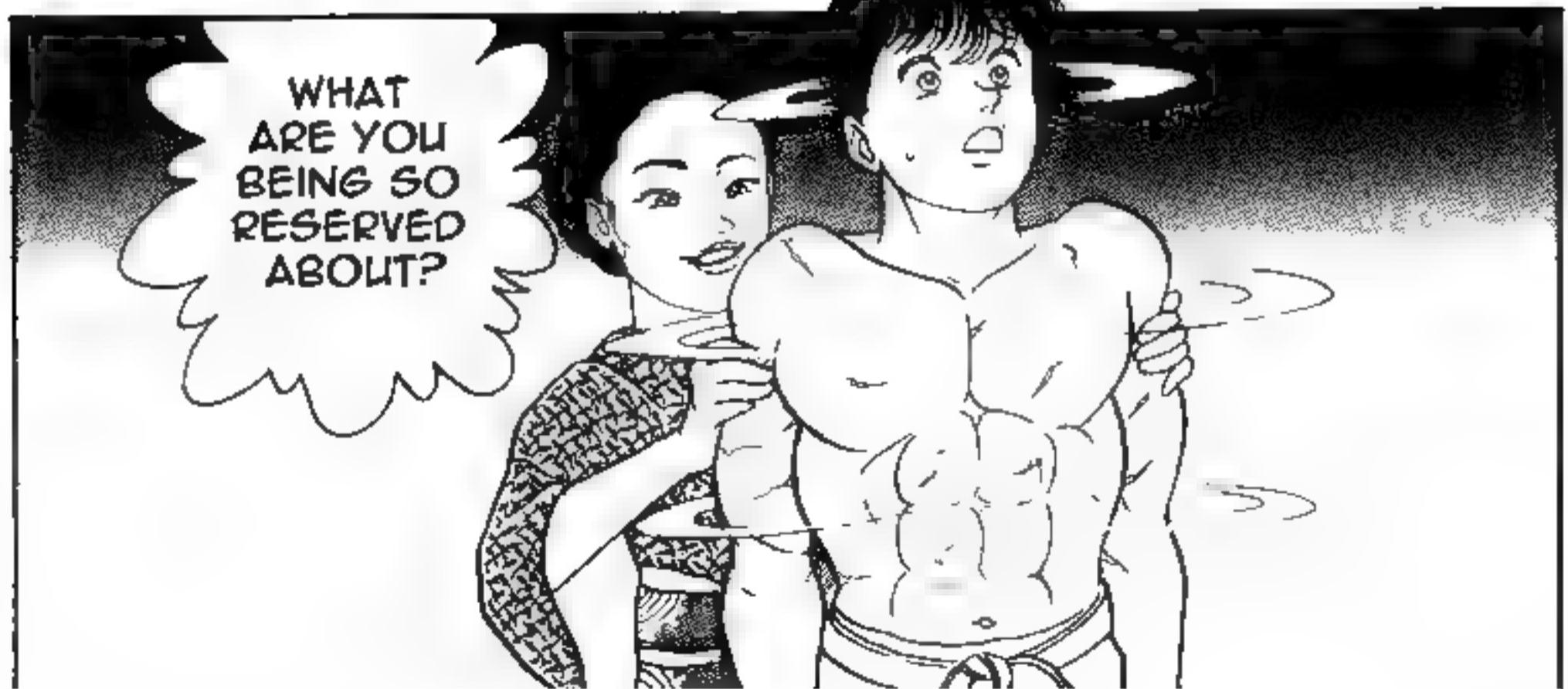
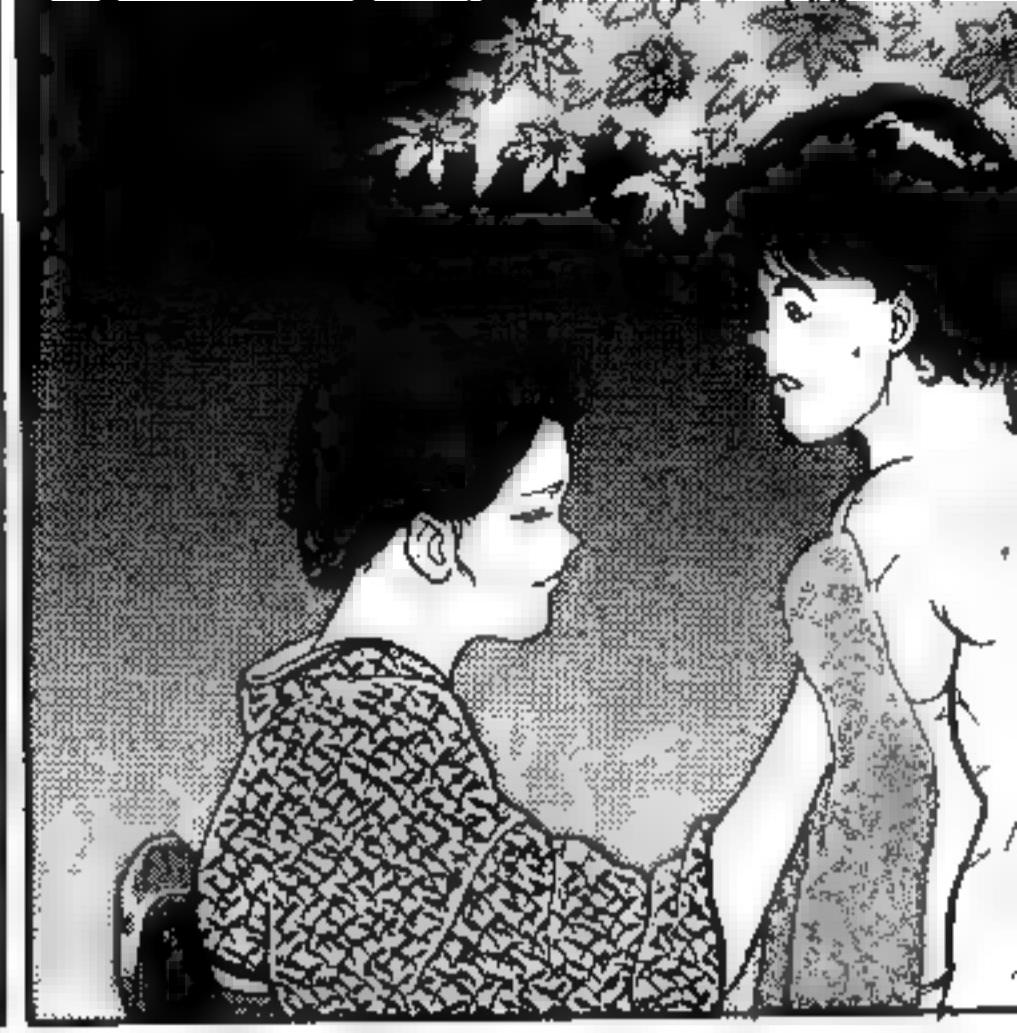


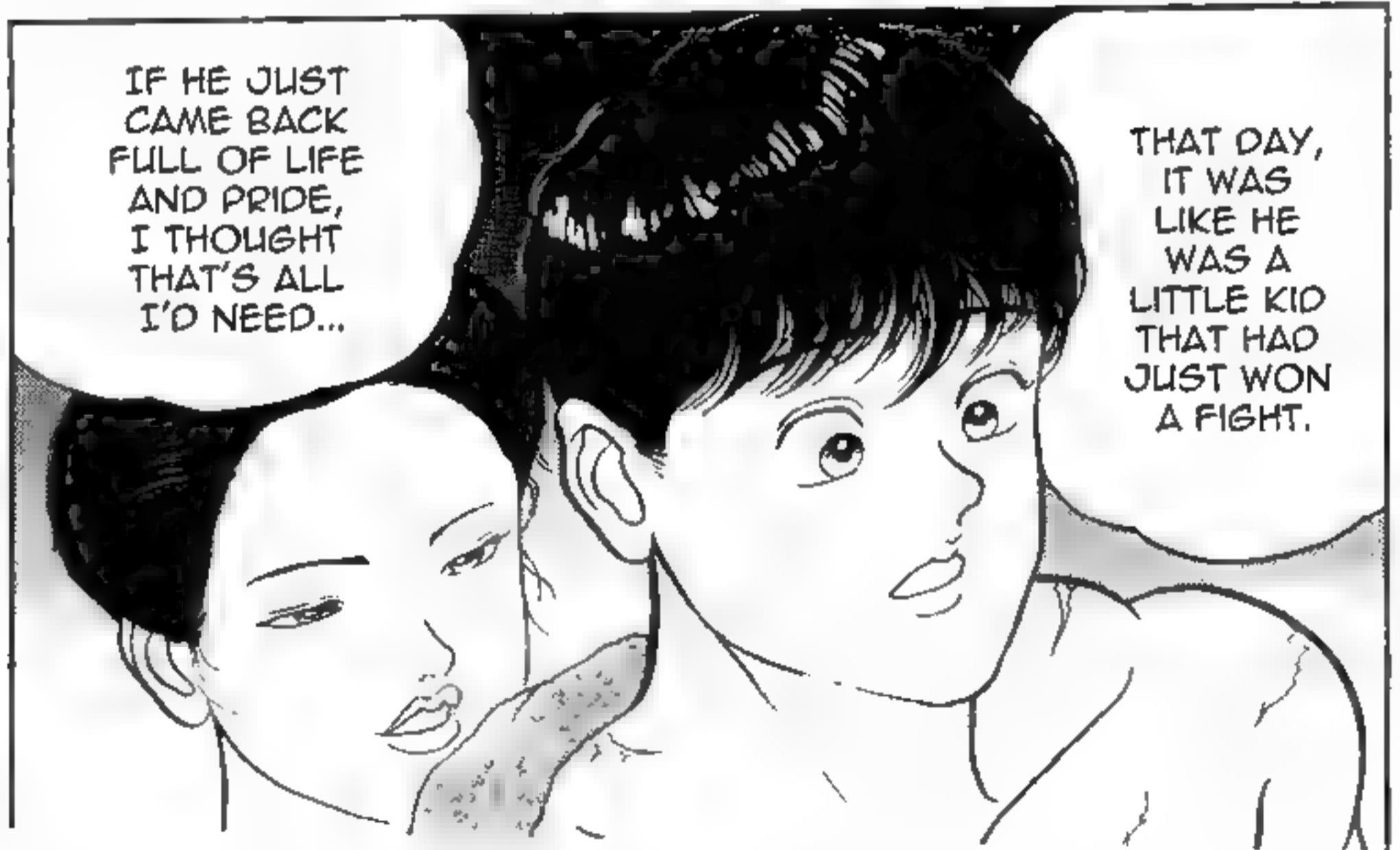




NOTE: THE NIPPON BUDOKAN (日本武道館) OFTEN SHORTENED TO SIMPLY BUDOKAN IS AN INDOOR ARENA IN CENTRAL TOKYO, JAPAN. THOUGH IT FUNCTIONS AS A VENUE FOR BIG MUSICAL EVENTS, ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE IS FOR JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS (INDEED, THE NAME LITERALLY MEANS "JAPAN MARTIAL ARTS HALL"). THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE MARTIAL ARTS (JUDO, KENDO, KARATE, AIKIDO, SHORINJI KEMPO, KYUDO, NAGINATA, ETC.) ARE HELD ANNUALLY AT THE BUDOKAN. FOR WRESTLING FANS THE BUDOKAN MEANS PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING'S BIG SHOWS. NOW THE BUDOKAN IS MOSTLY USED BY PRO WRESTLING NOAH, WHO OFTEN HOLD MAJOR EVENTS THERE.

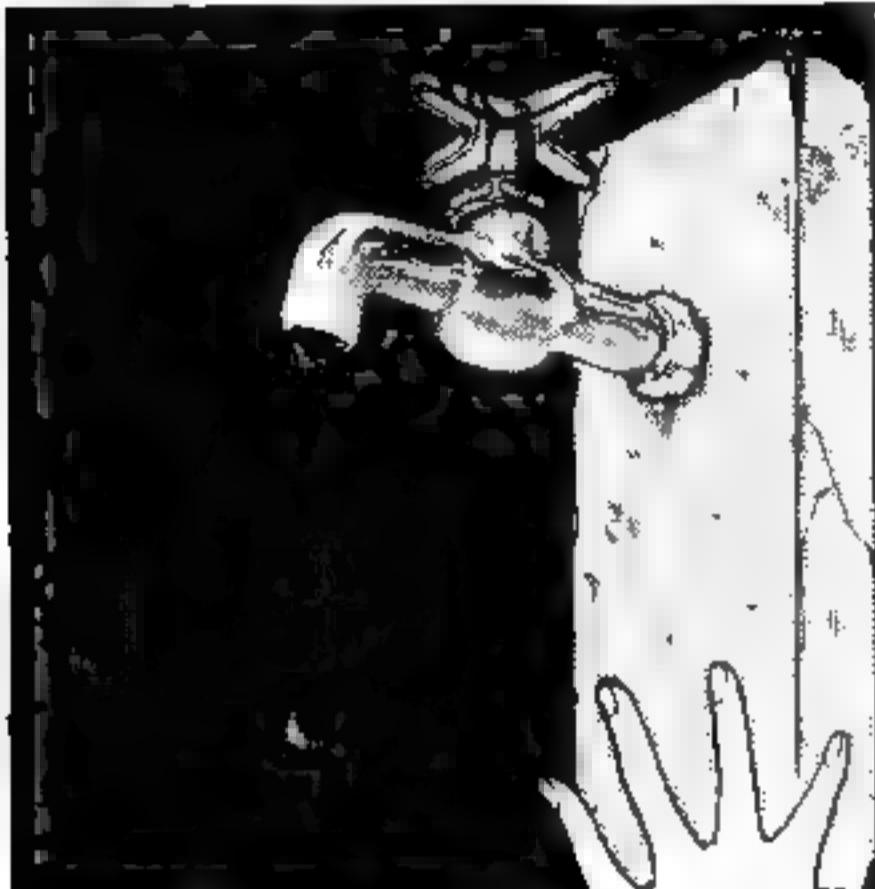


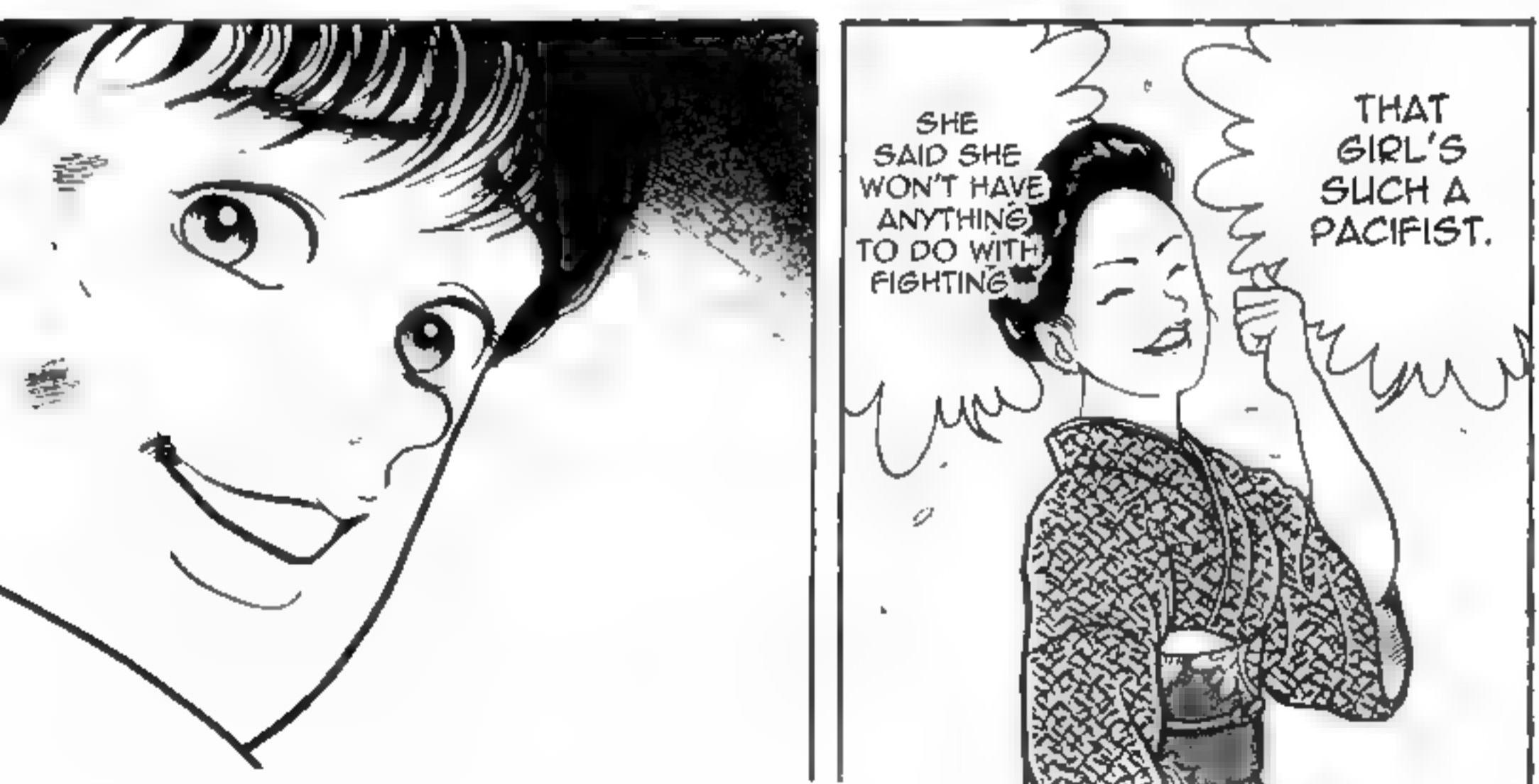


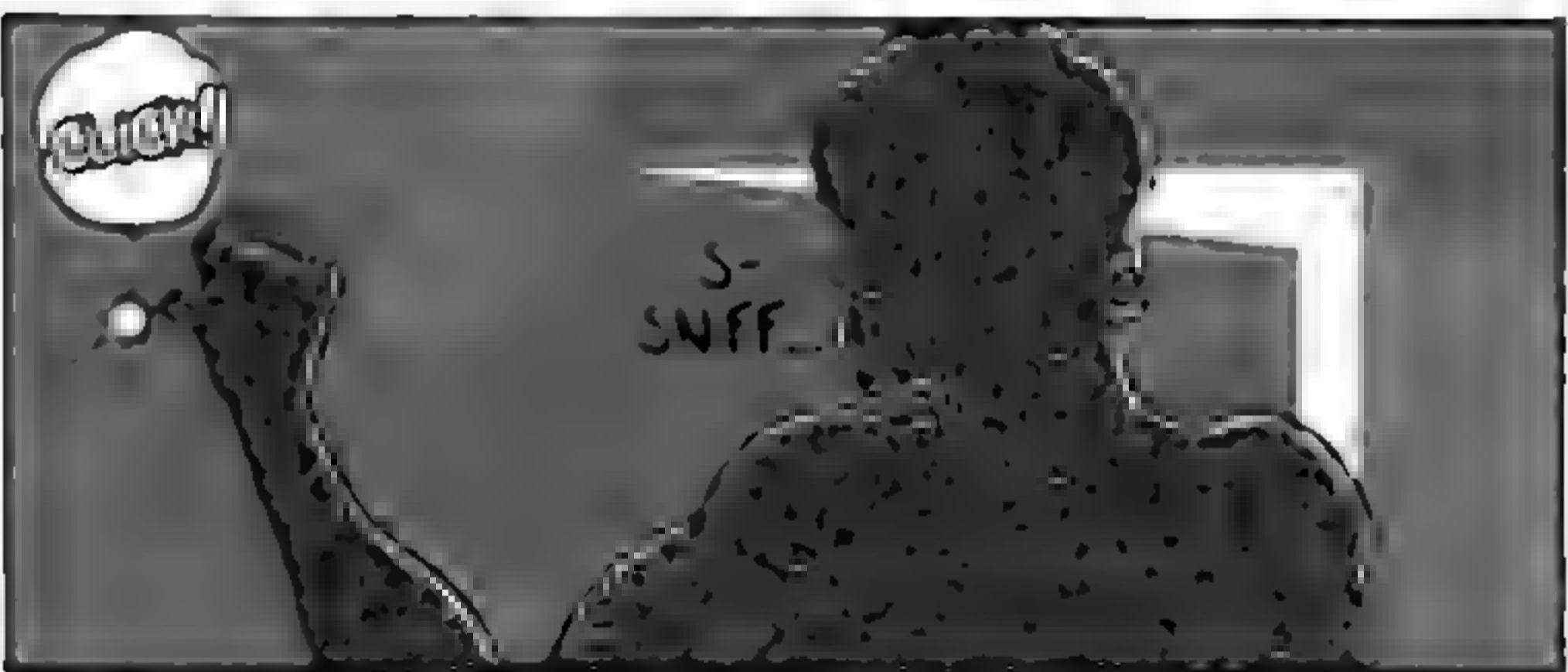


WHAT A
HAPPY FACE
SHE WOULD
MAKE...

AND THE
CHILD HE
LEFT BEHIND,
KOZUE...









NOTE: I ONLY GAVE HIM HIS DAY FOOD.
HE HASN'T HAD HIS EVENING PORTION YET

KOZUE



IT'S
JUST
BROWN
RICE
BALLS
AND
*KOMBU.

THESE...
MOM
MADE
THESE,
BUT...

OOH!
KOZUE!

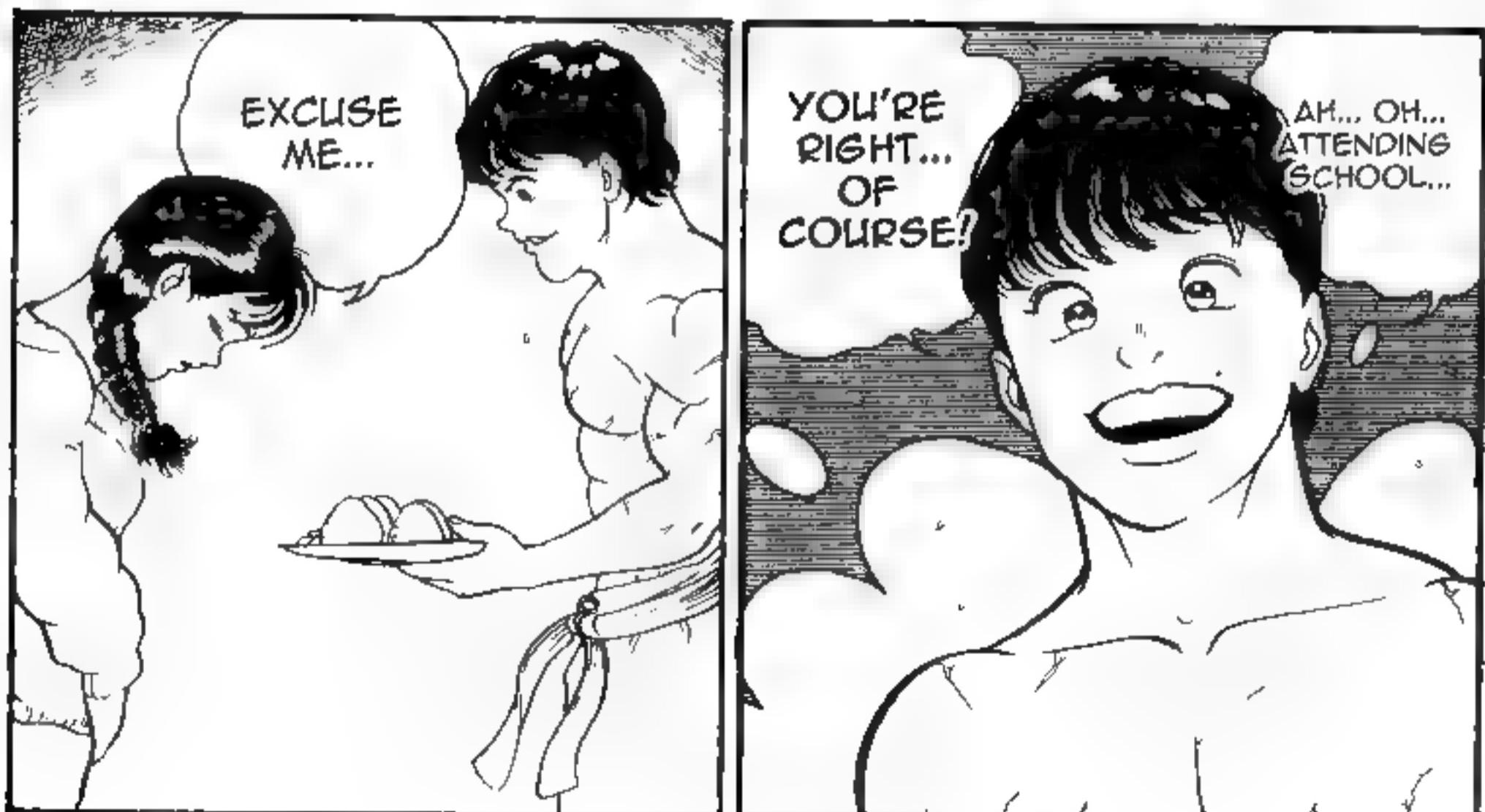
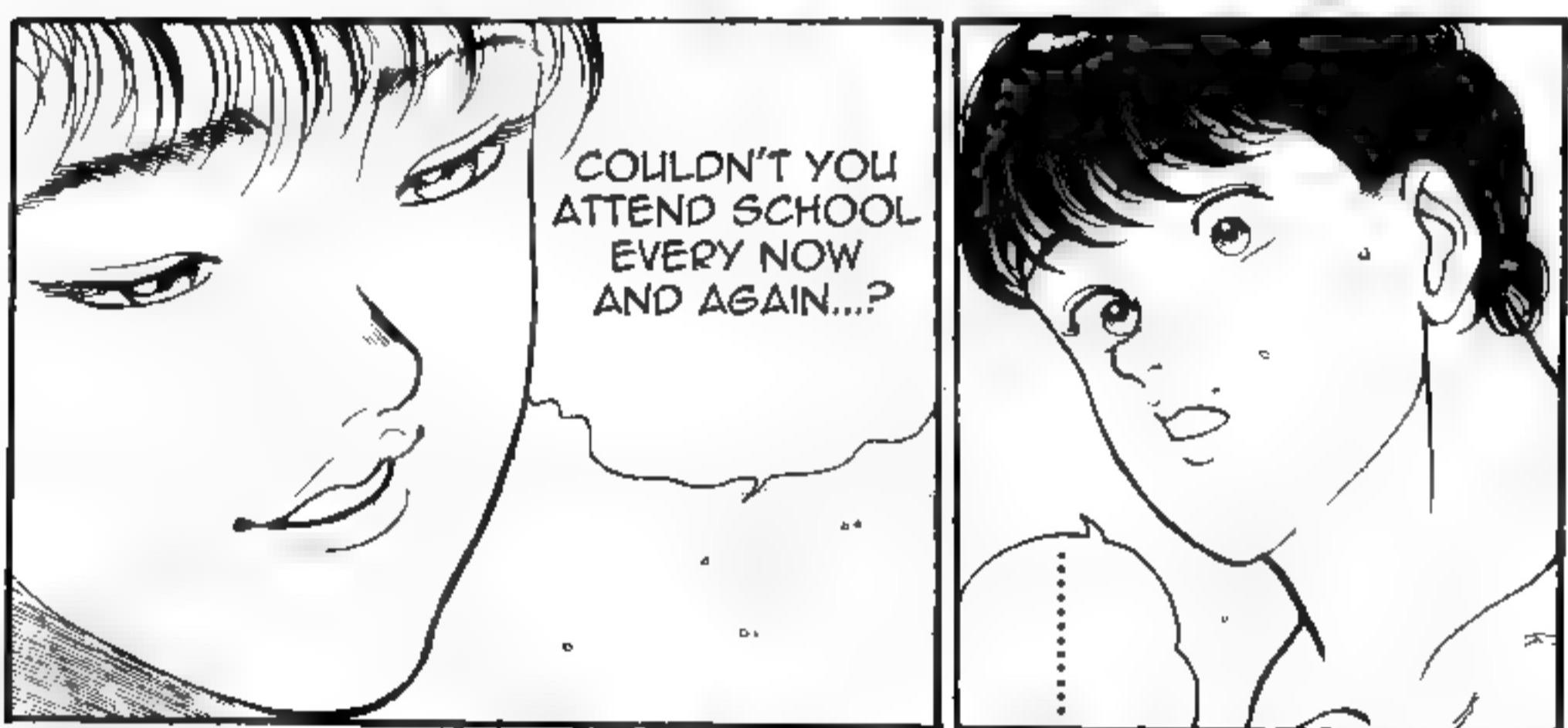
THANKS
SO MUCH~!

MAN~

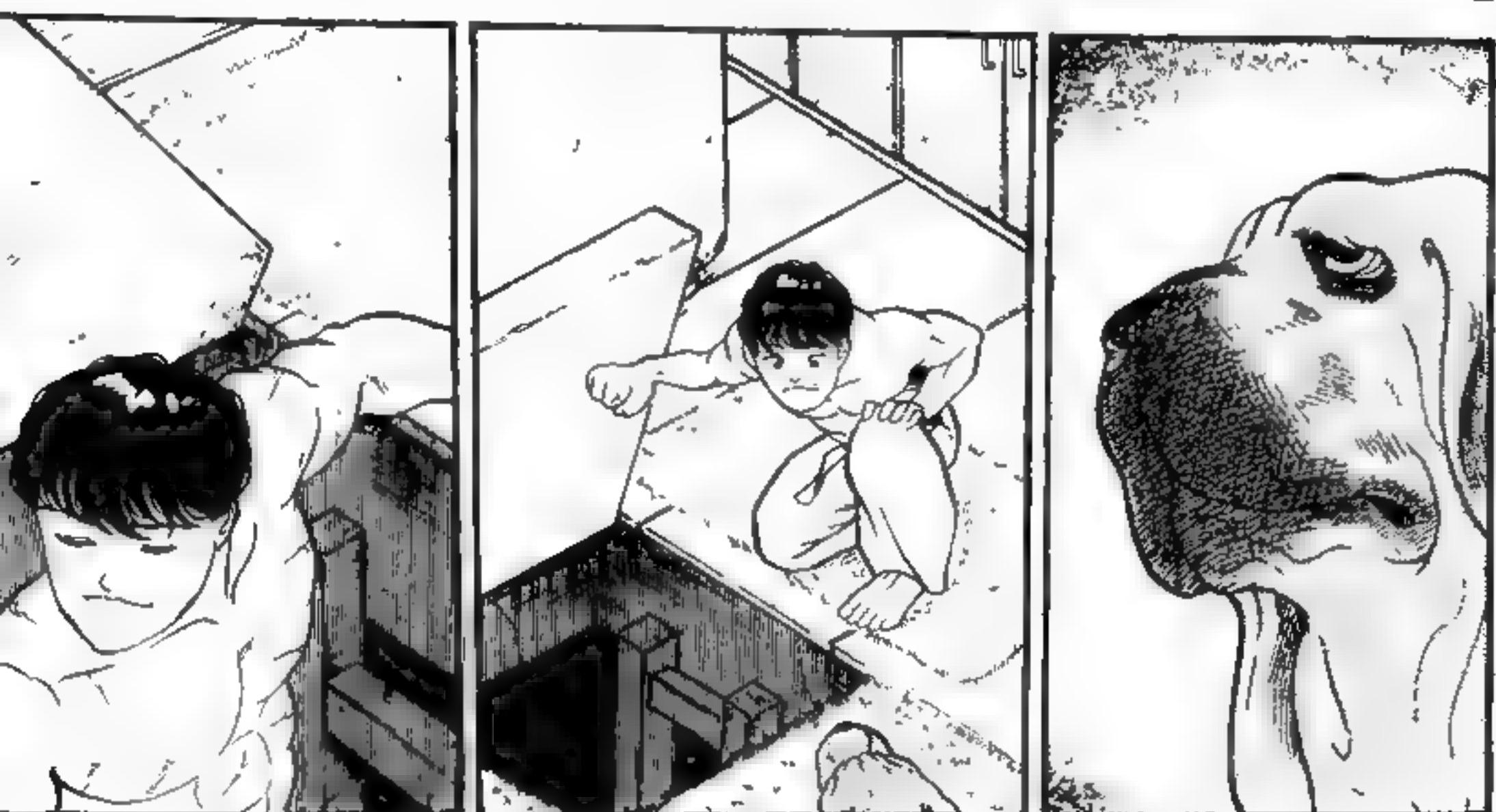
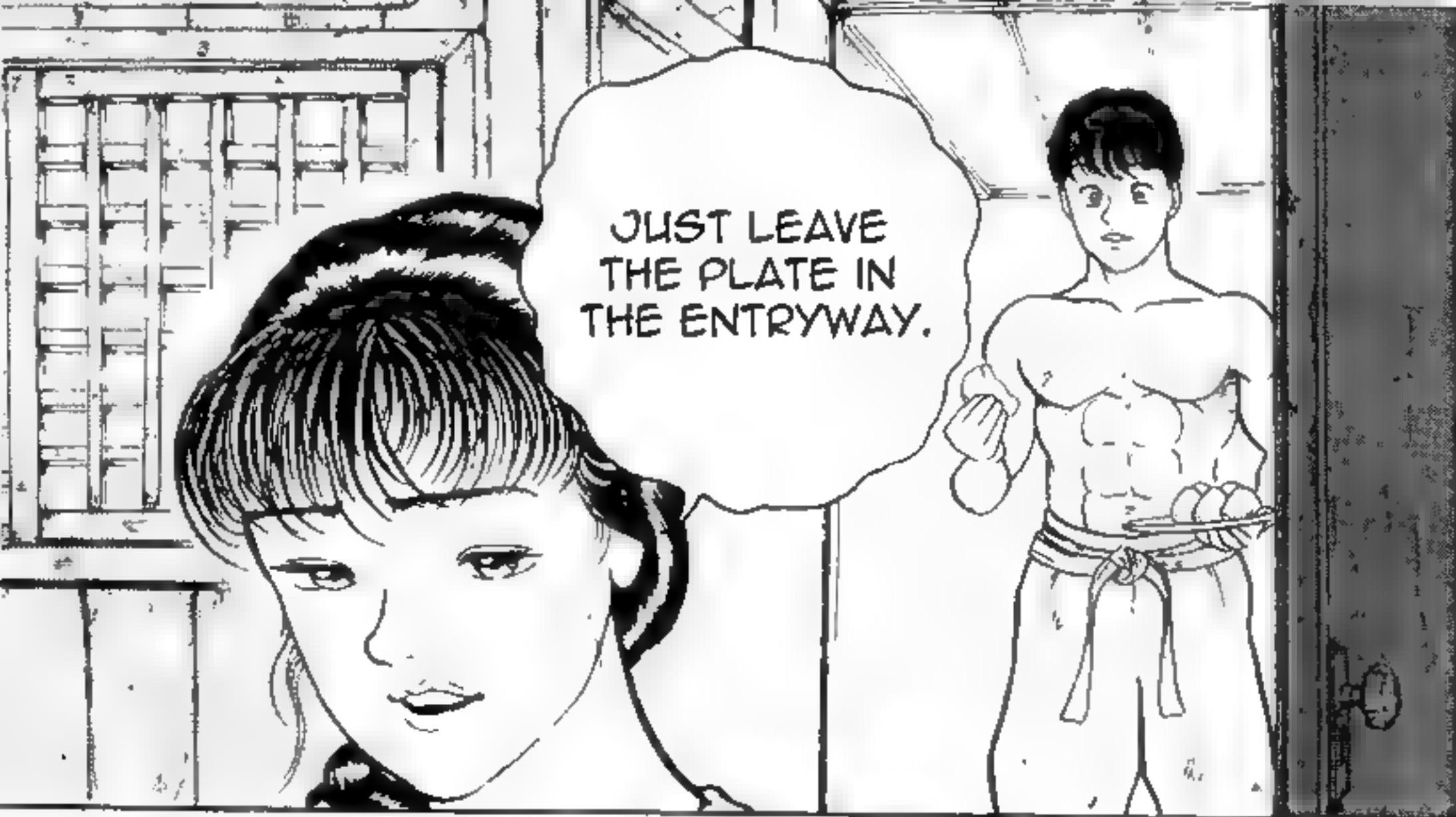
BAKI...

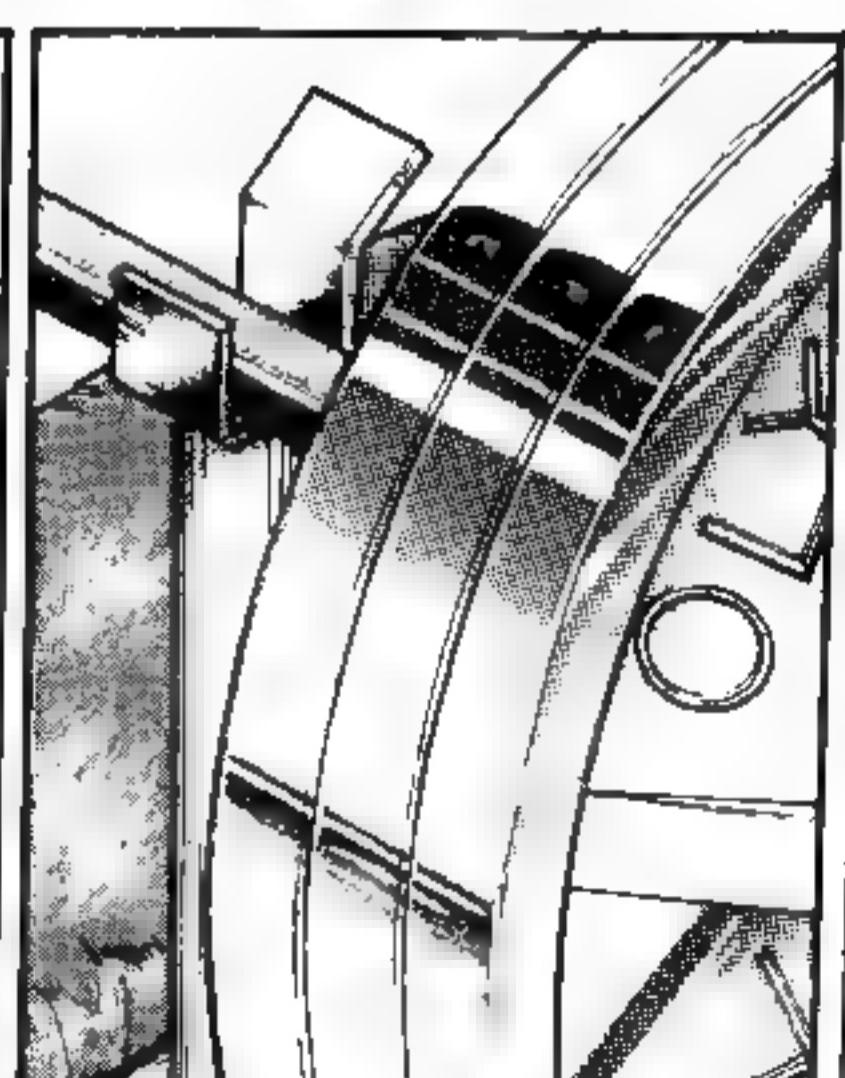
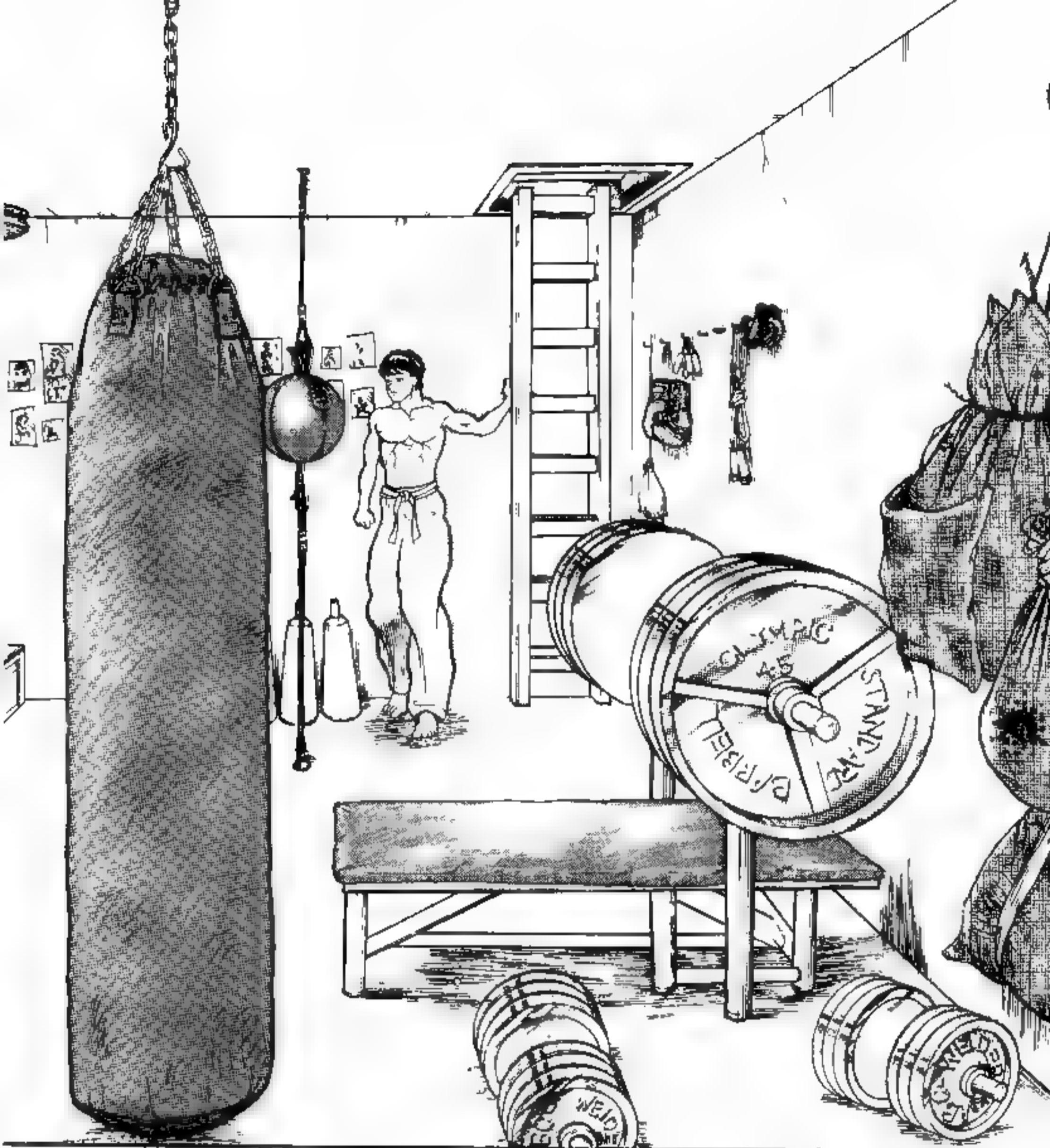
IT'S
GOOD.
IT'S
GOOD.

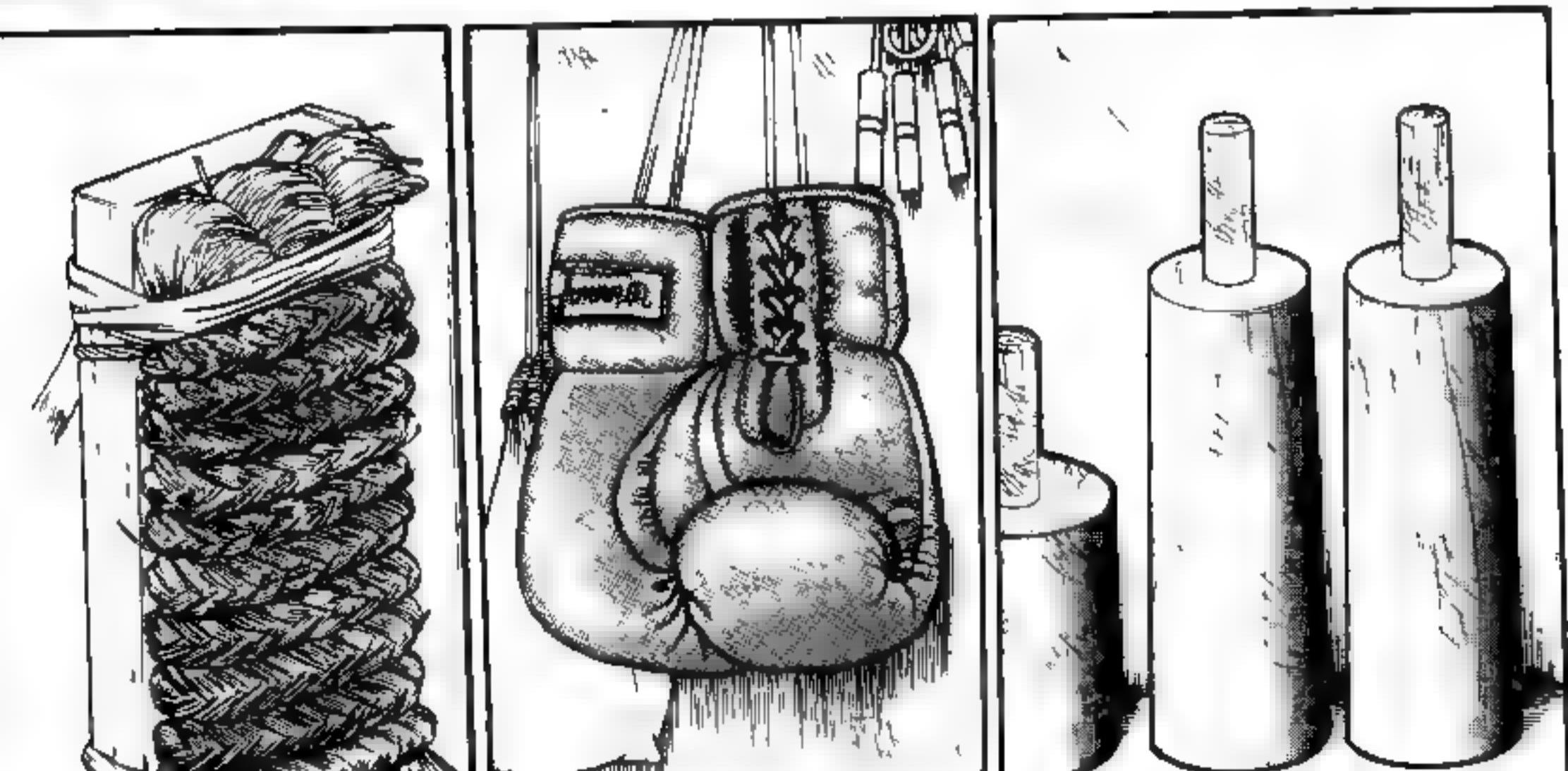
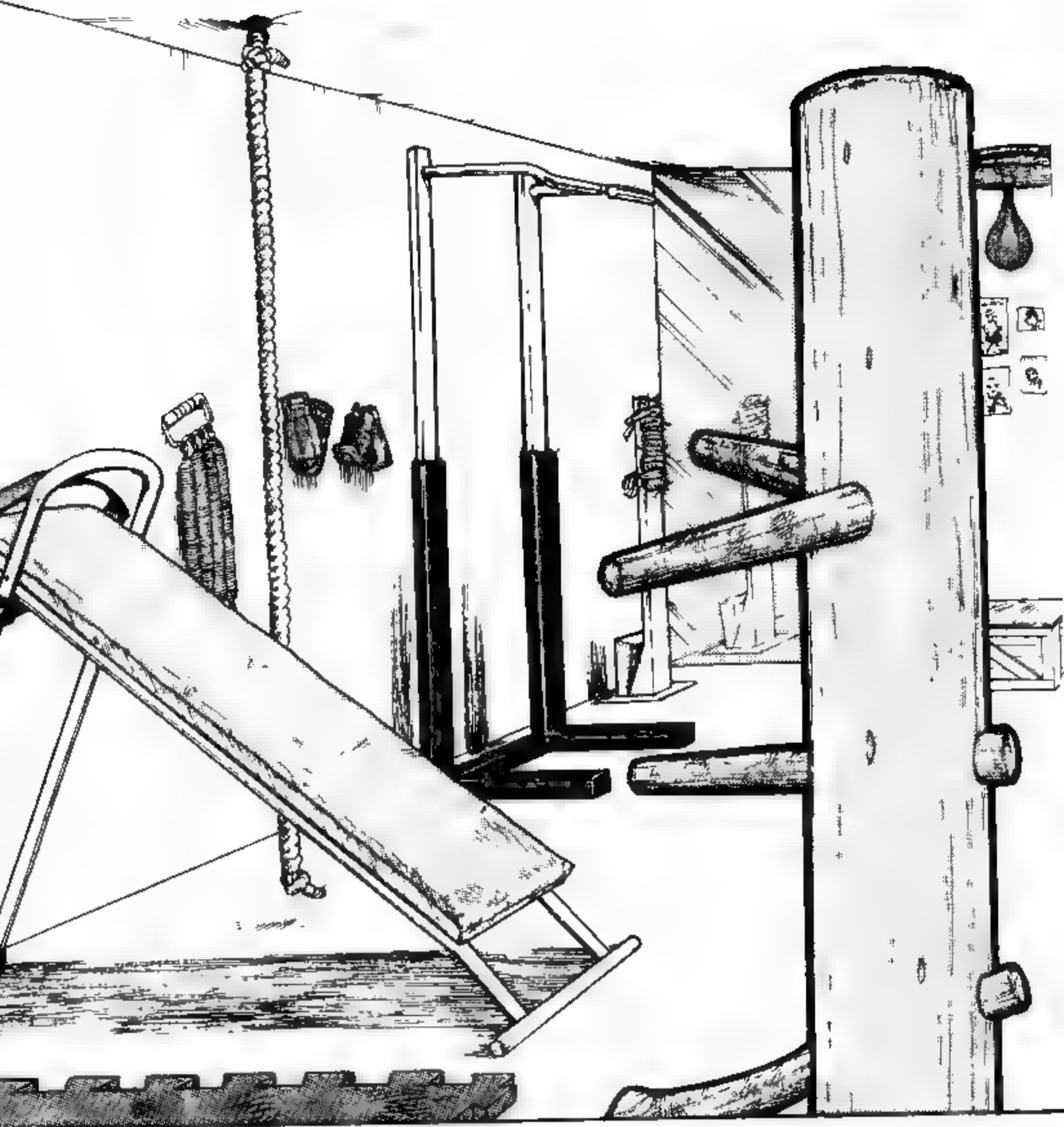
OOH~

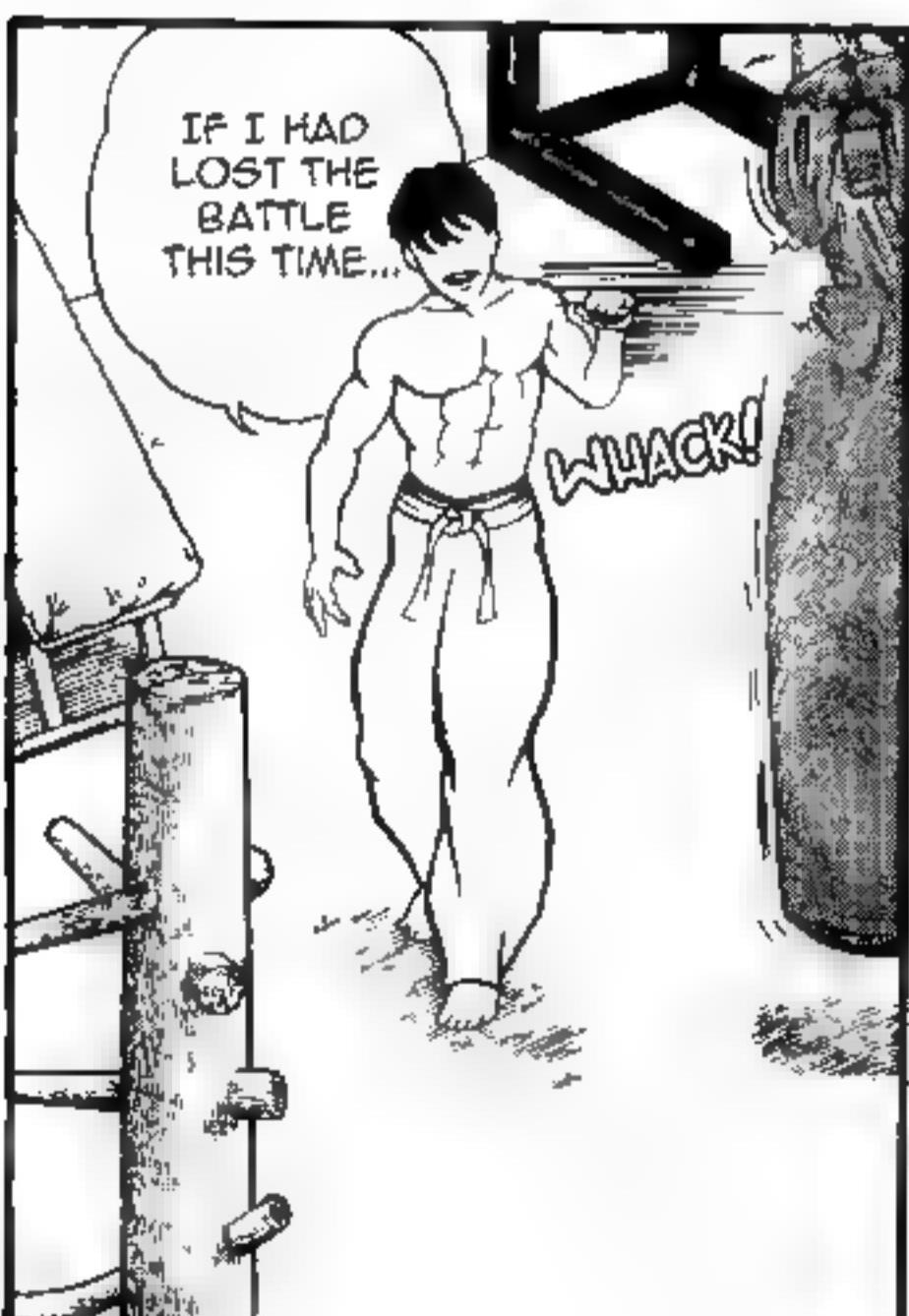
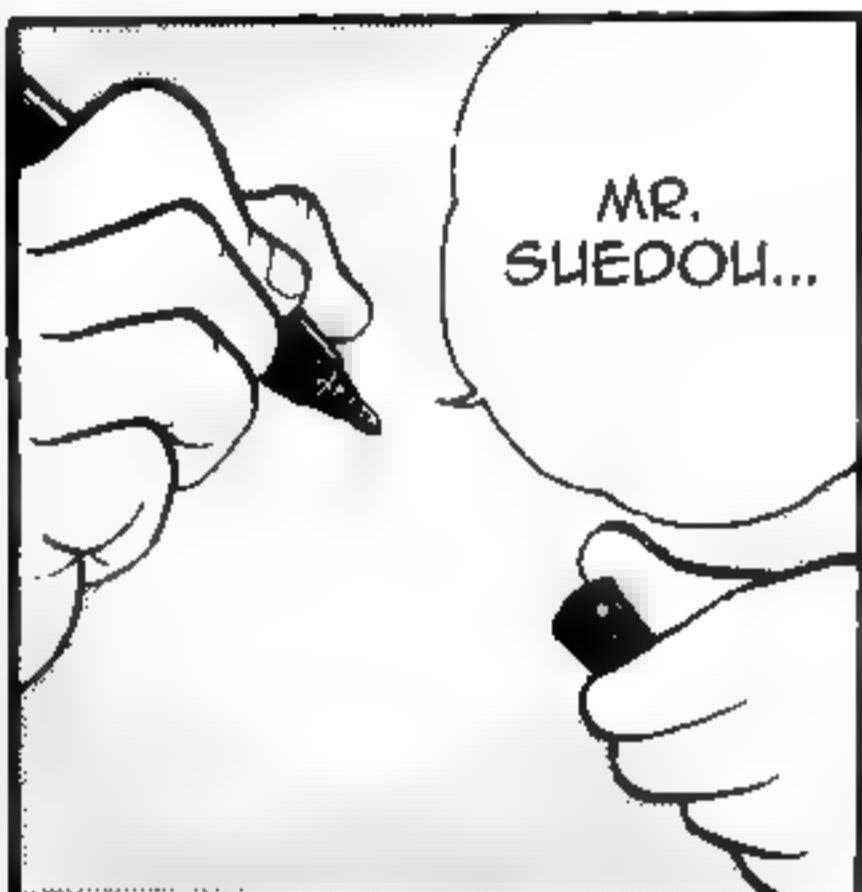
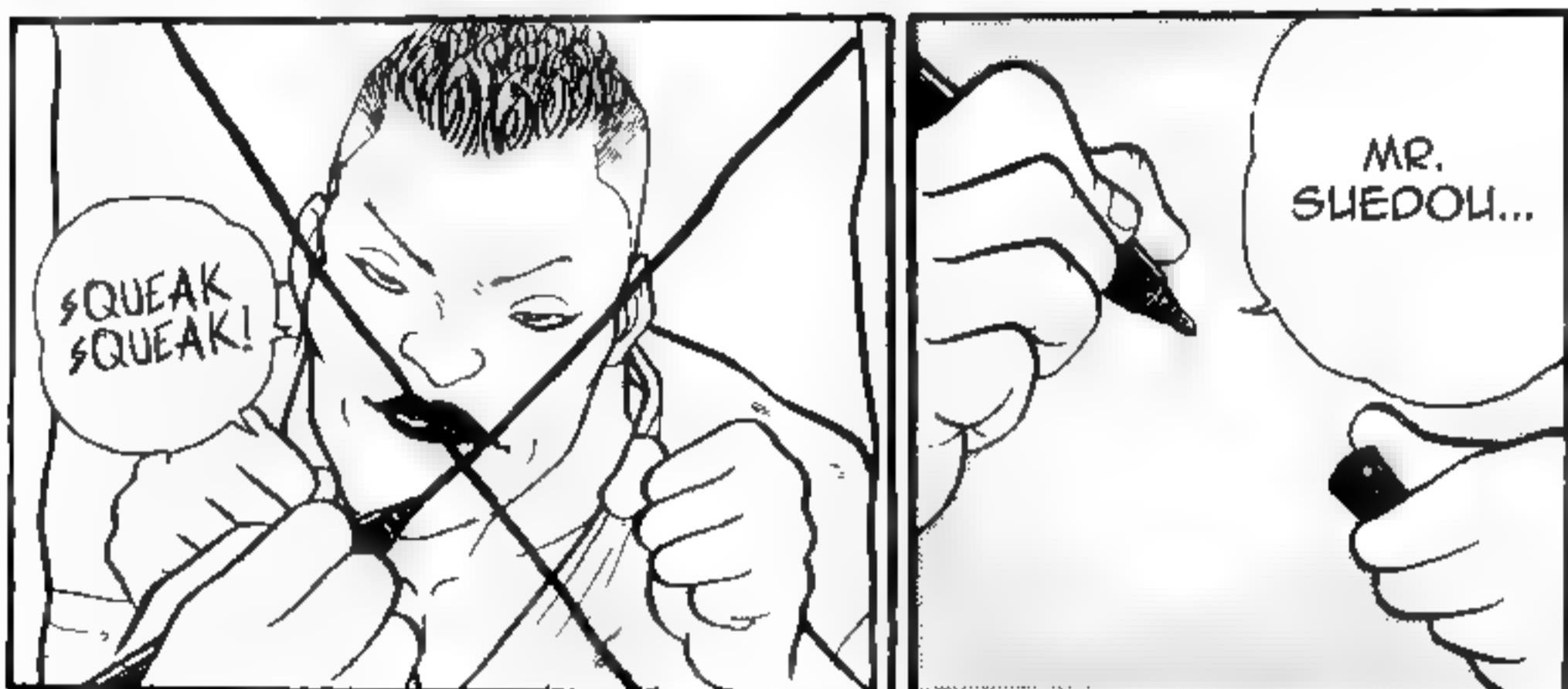


JUST LEAVE
THE PLATE IN
THE ENTRYWAY.

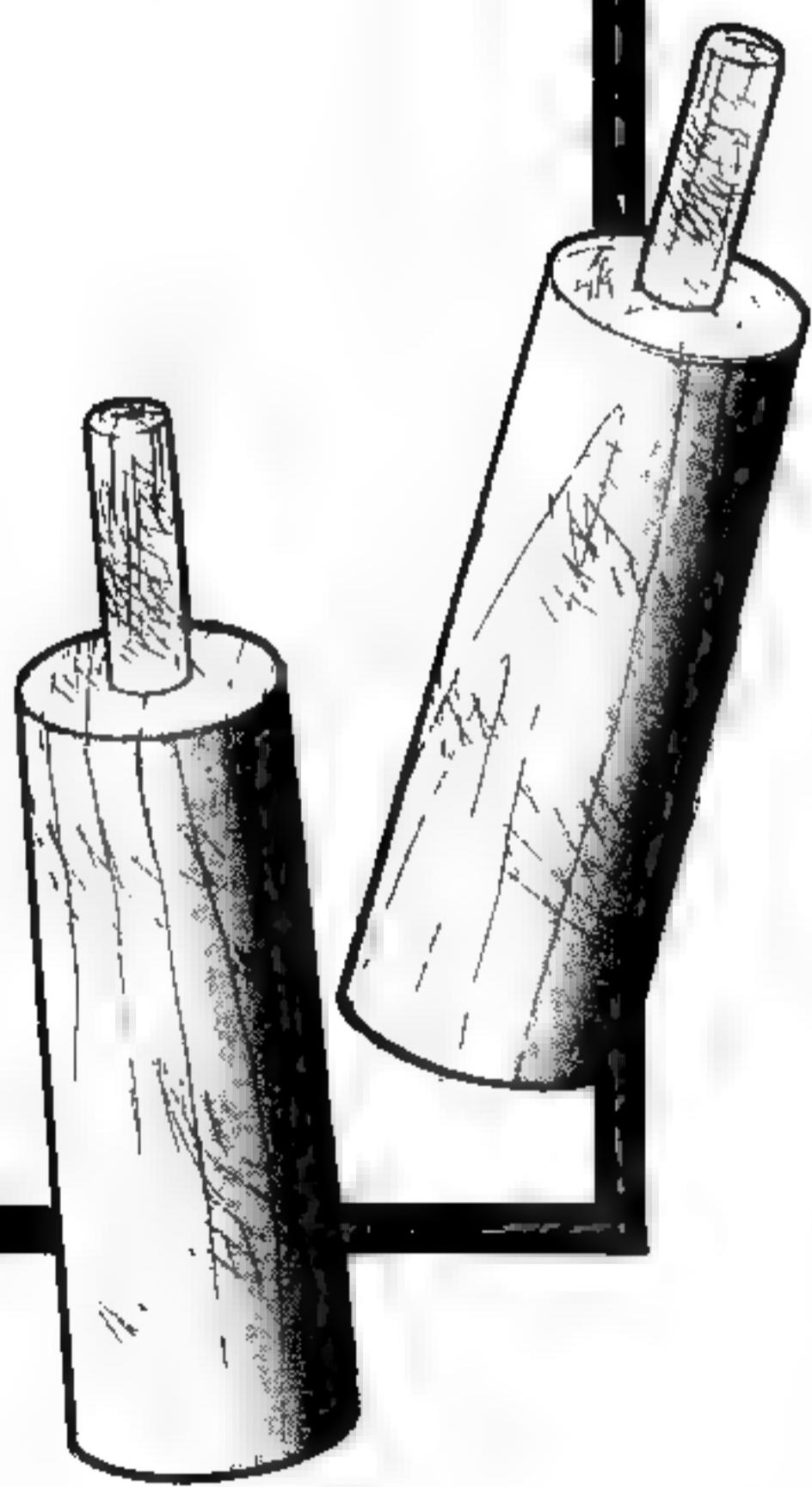


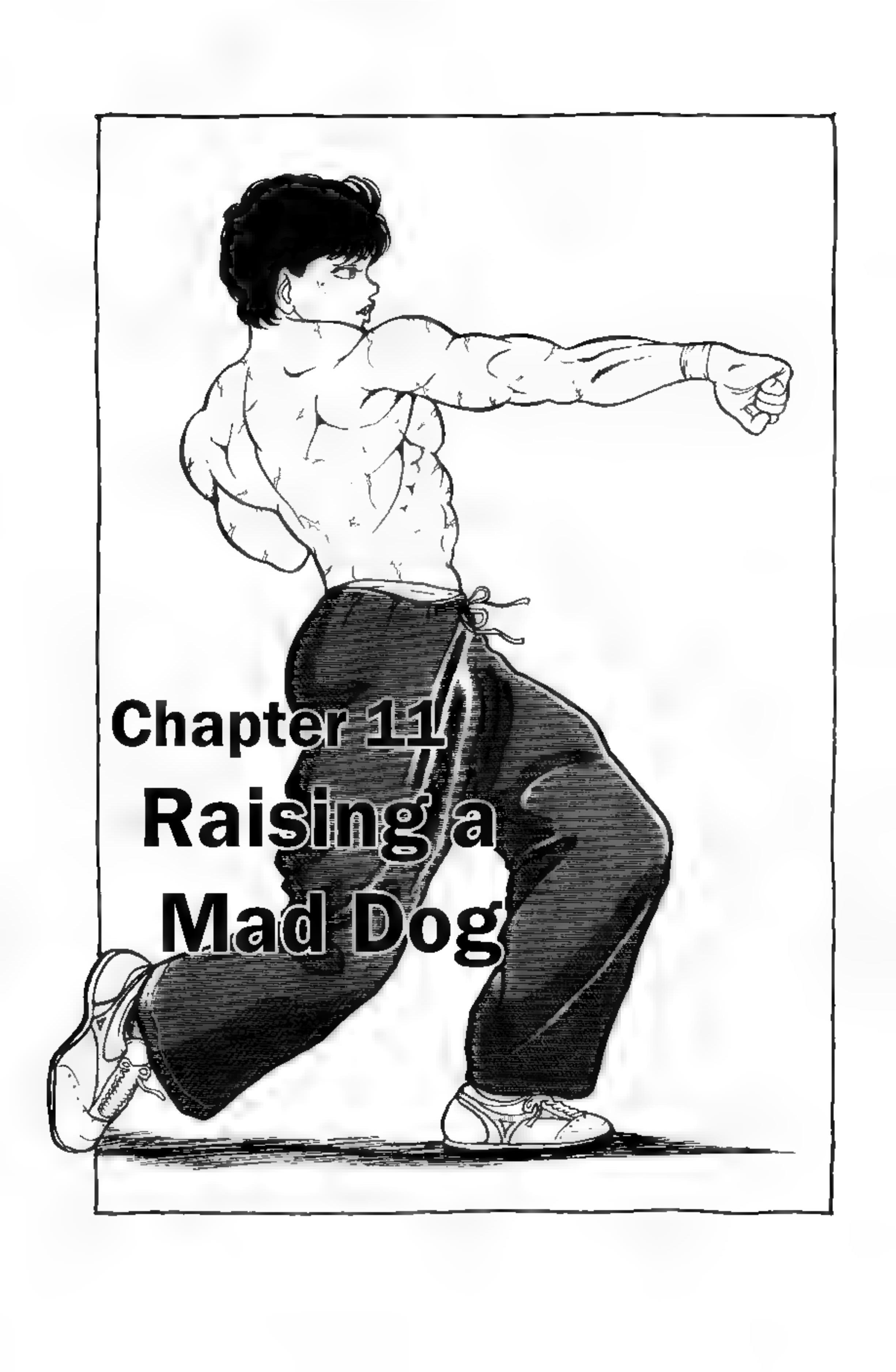








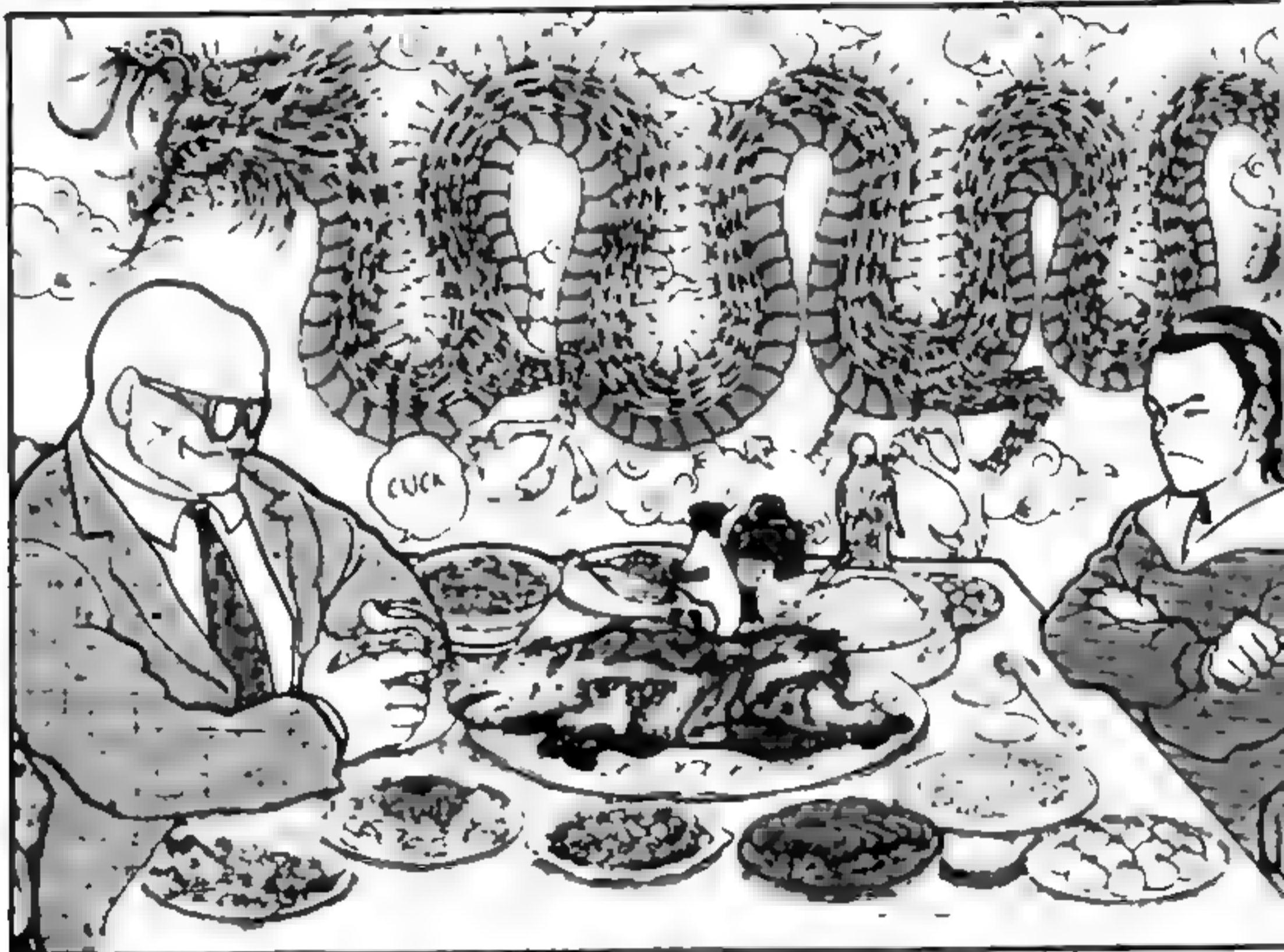
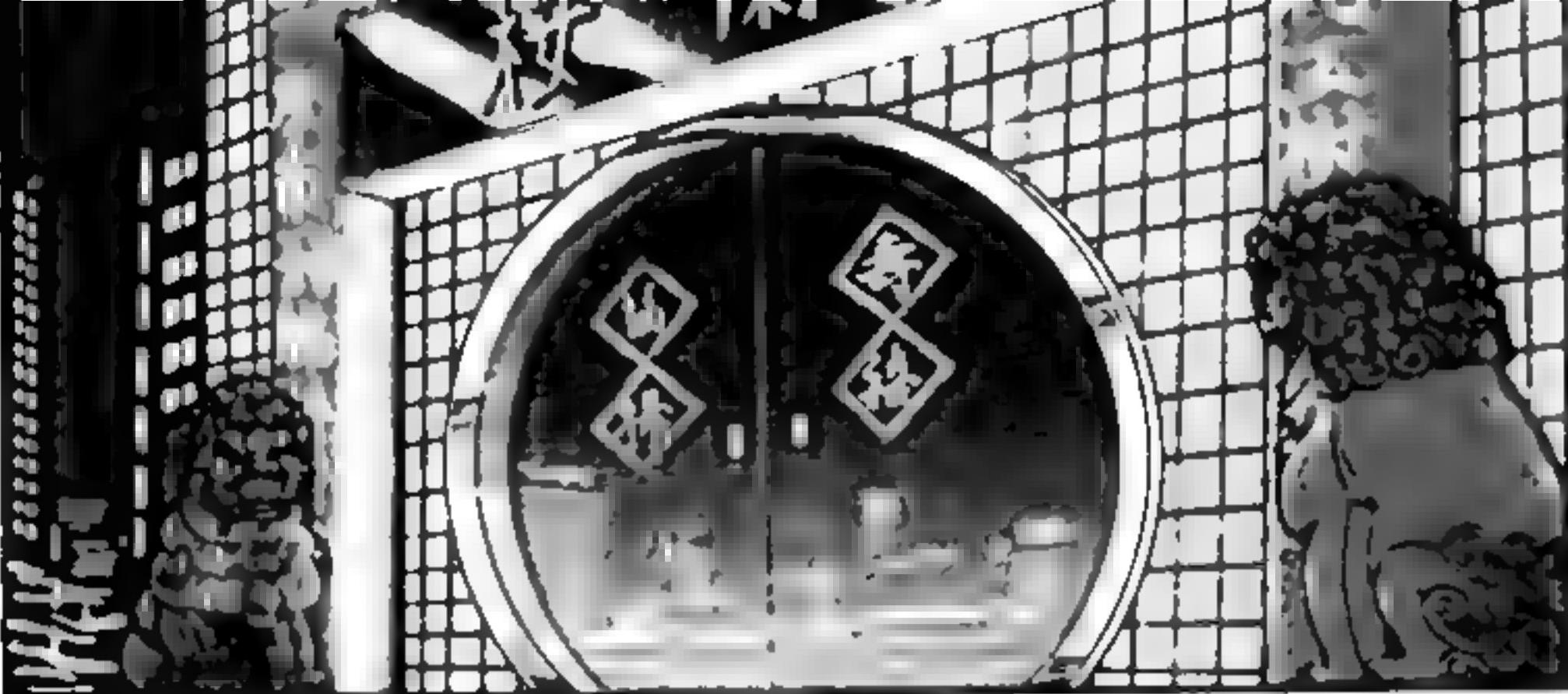




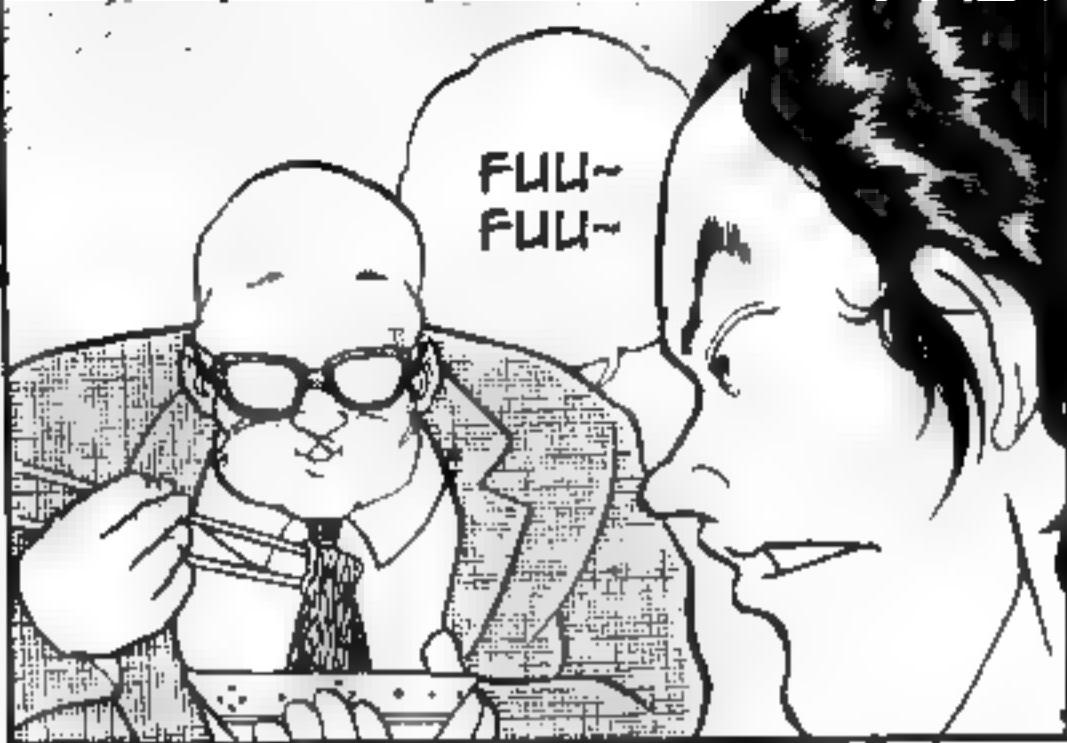
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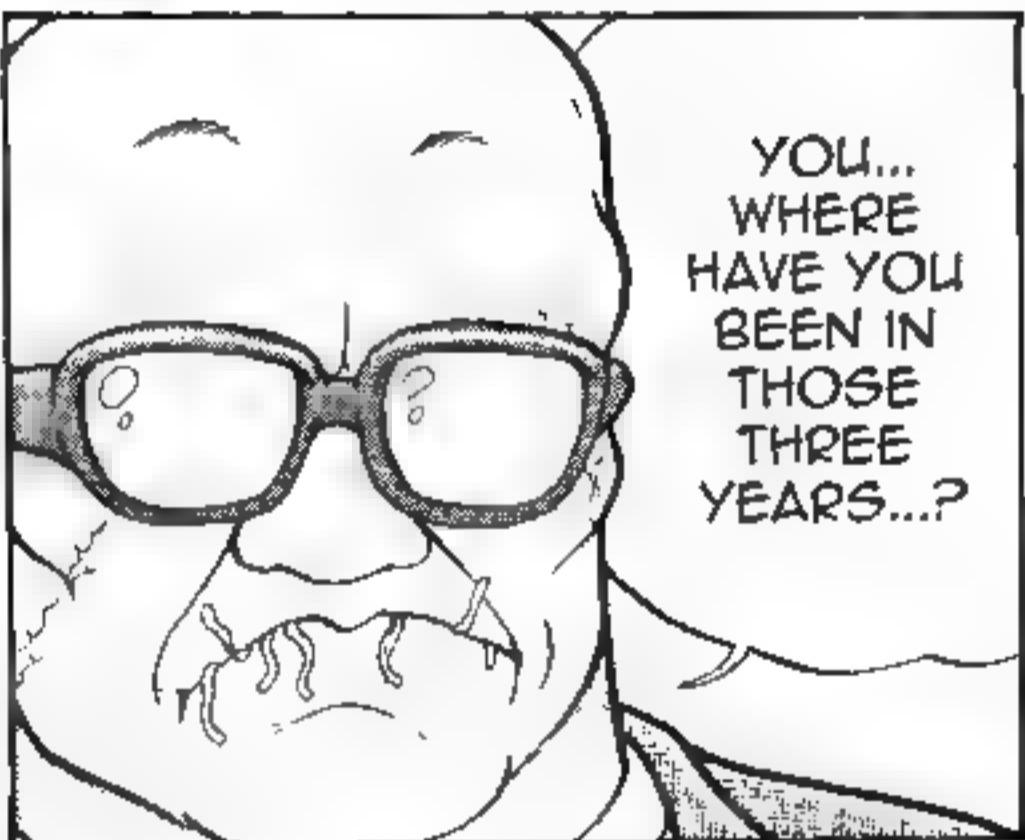
Mad Dog







DON'T TELL
ME YOU JUST
WANTED TO
TALK ABOUT
YOUR FLOWERY
MEMORIES.



**IT GOES
WITHOUT SAYING,
IT'S 10 TIMES
MORE THRILLING
THAN JUST GOING
TO THE DOJO.**



MAYBE I
SHOULD
BE YOUR
OPPONENT.

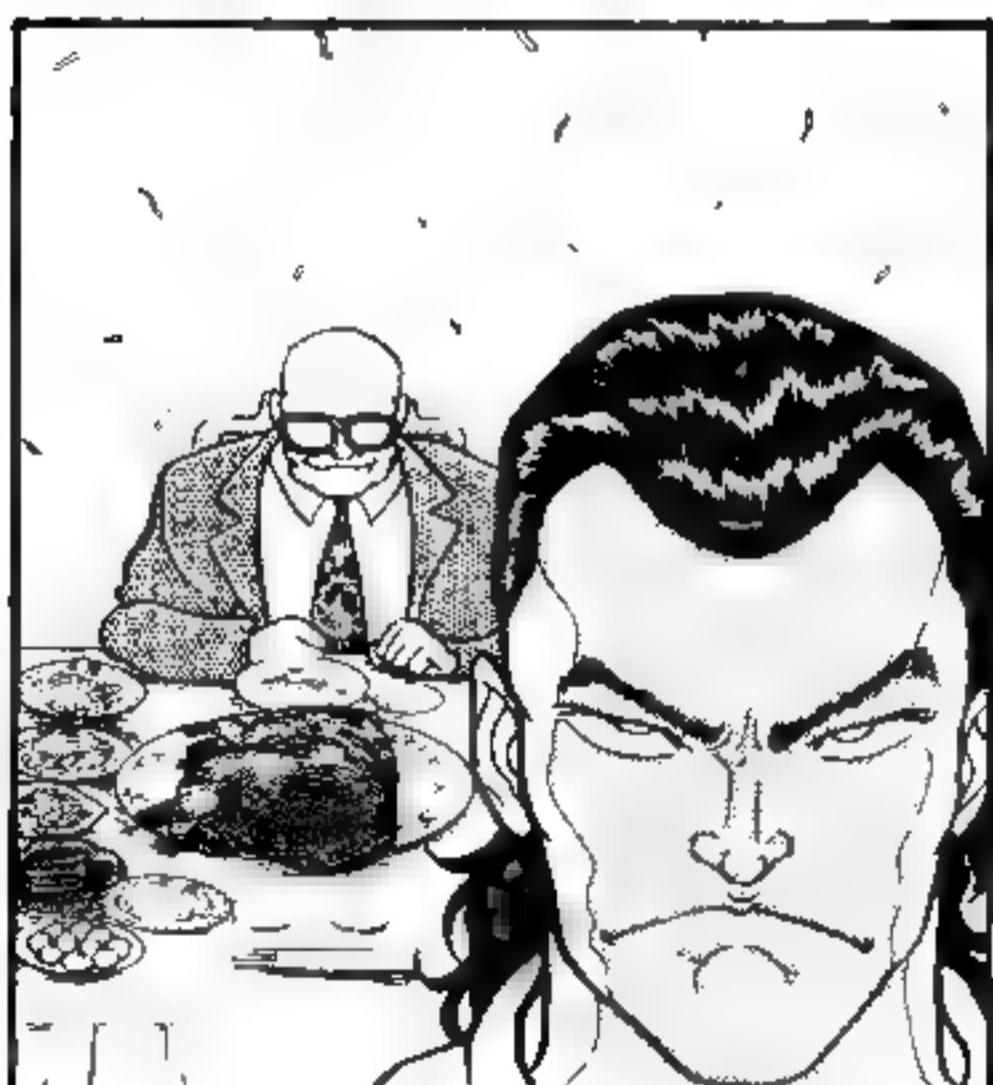
IF YOU LIKE
THE THRILL
OF FIGHTING
SO MUCH...



**YOU, UP
AGAINST
ME!?**

**HAHAHA
HAHA!**





IS 10
TIMES
MORE
THRILLING
THAN A
PISTOL...

MY
KARATE...

CHEW

YOU'D
UNDERSTAND
IF YOU STOOD
AGAINST ME.

HOW
IS THAT
THRILLING
...?

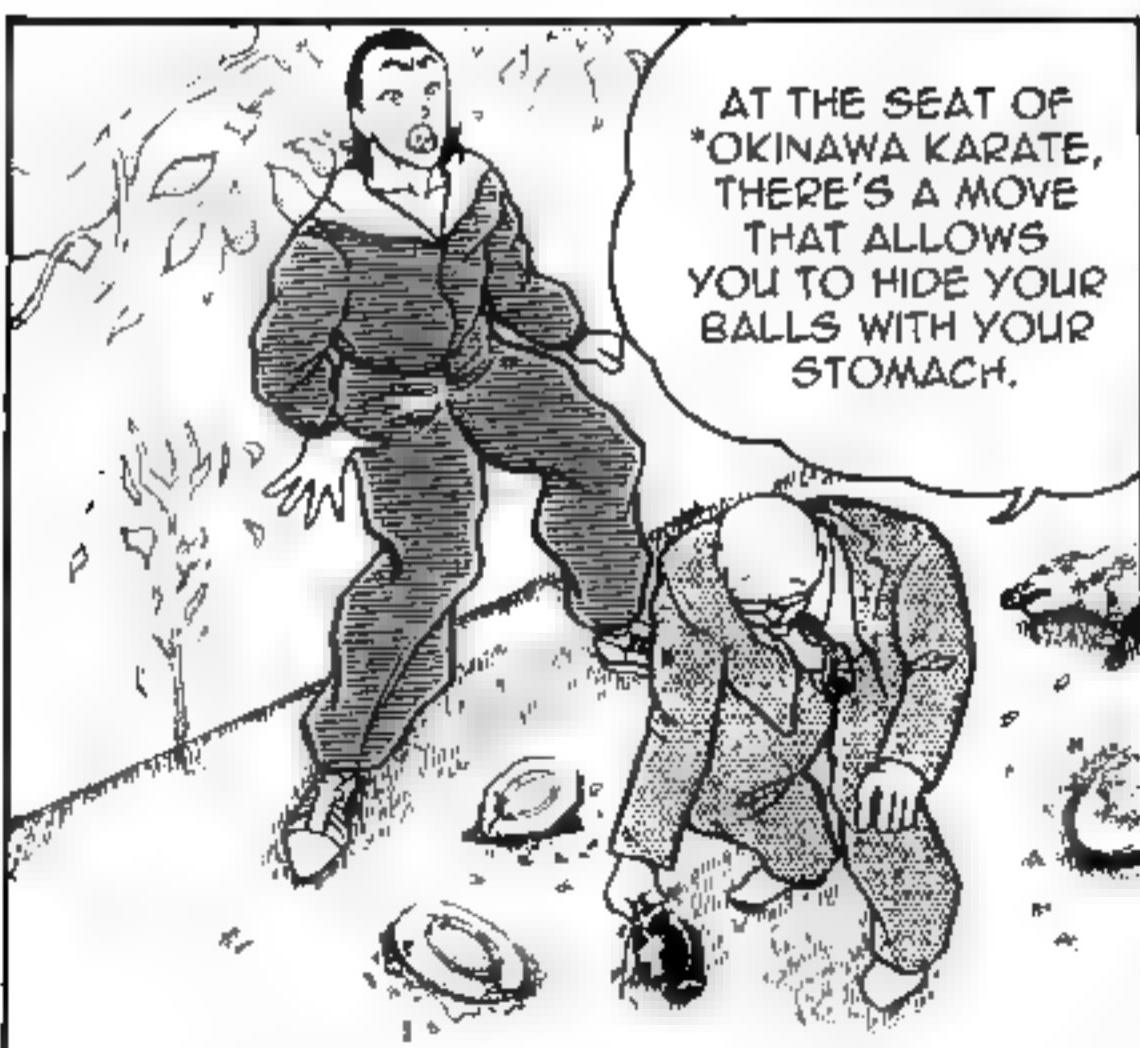
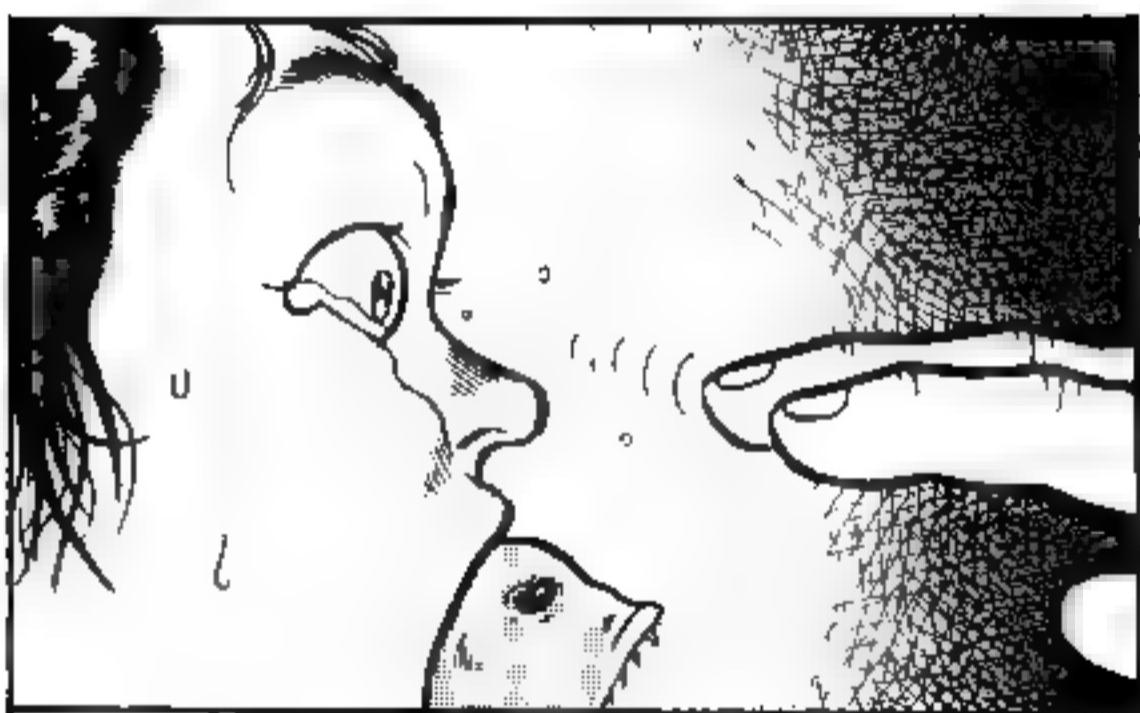
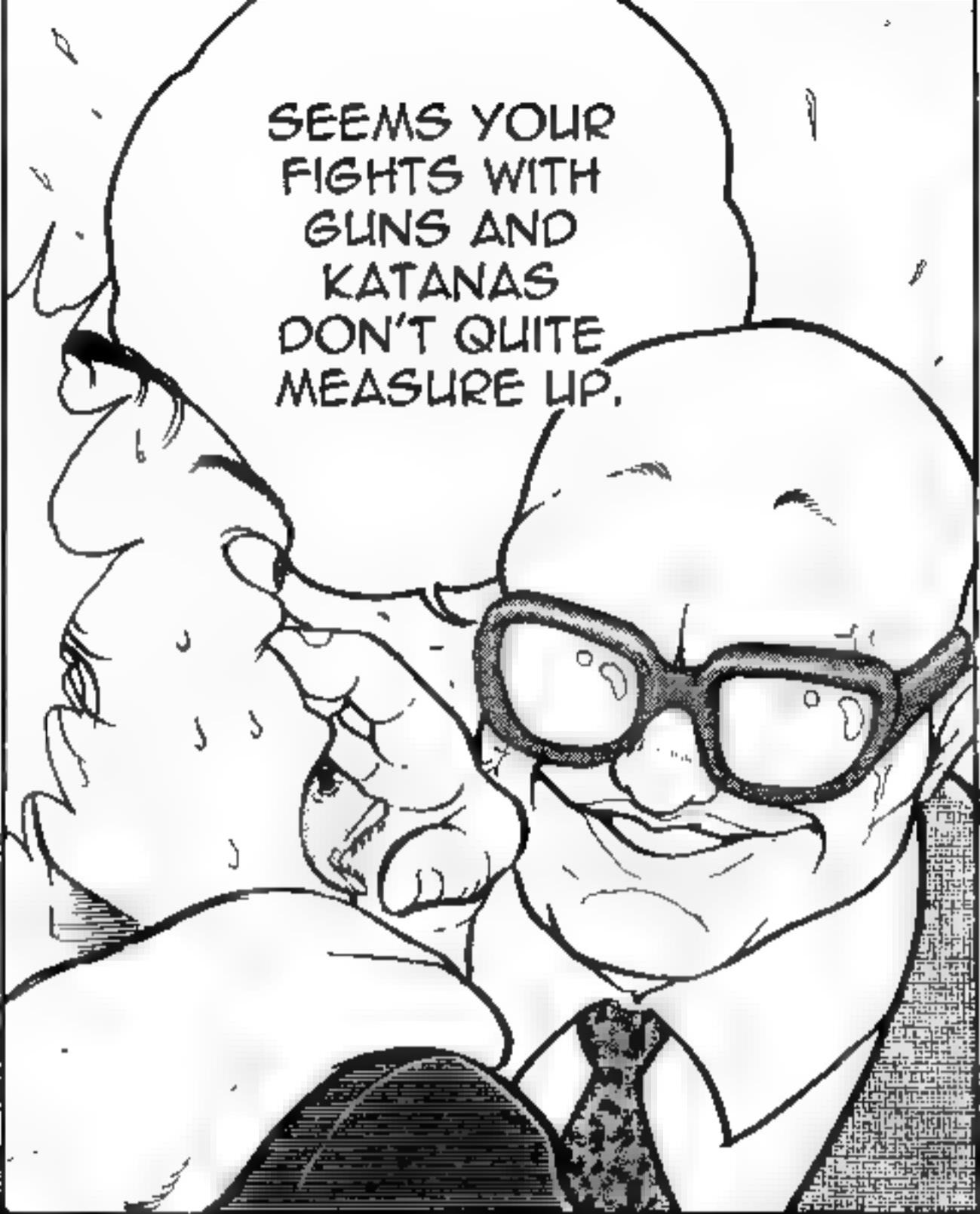
ANYTIME'S
FINE WITH
ME...

WHEN
CAN I
GO UP
AGAINST
YOU...?

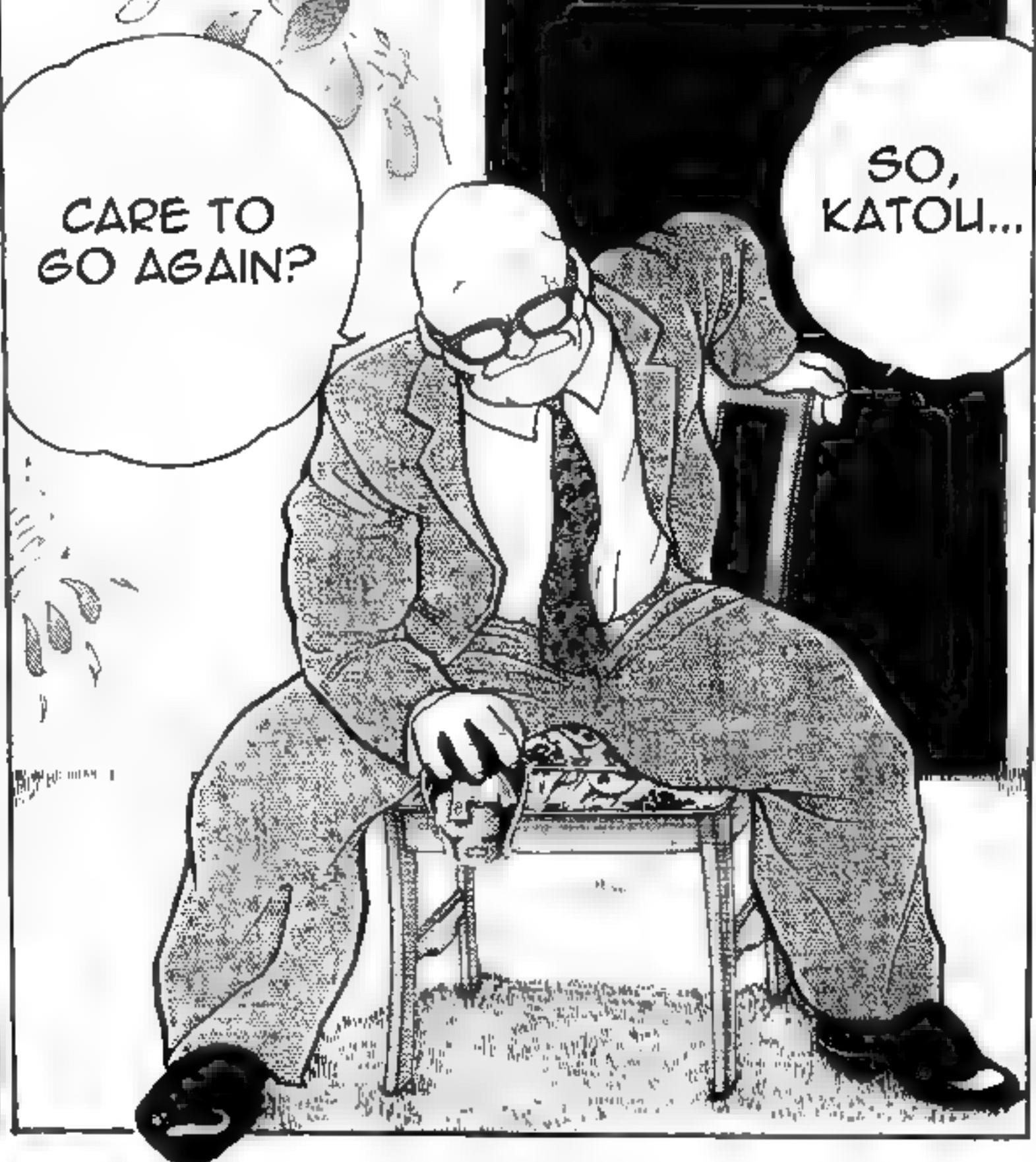
...SO.
WHEN...?





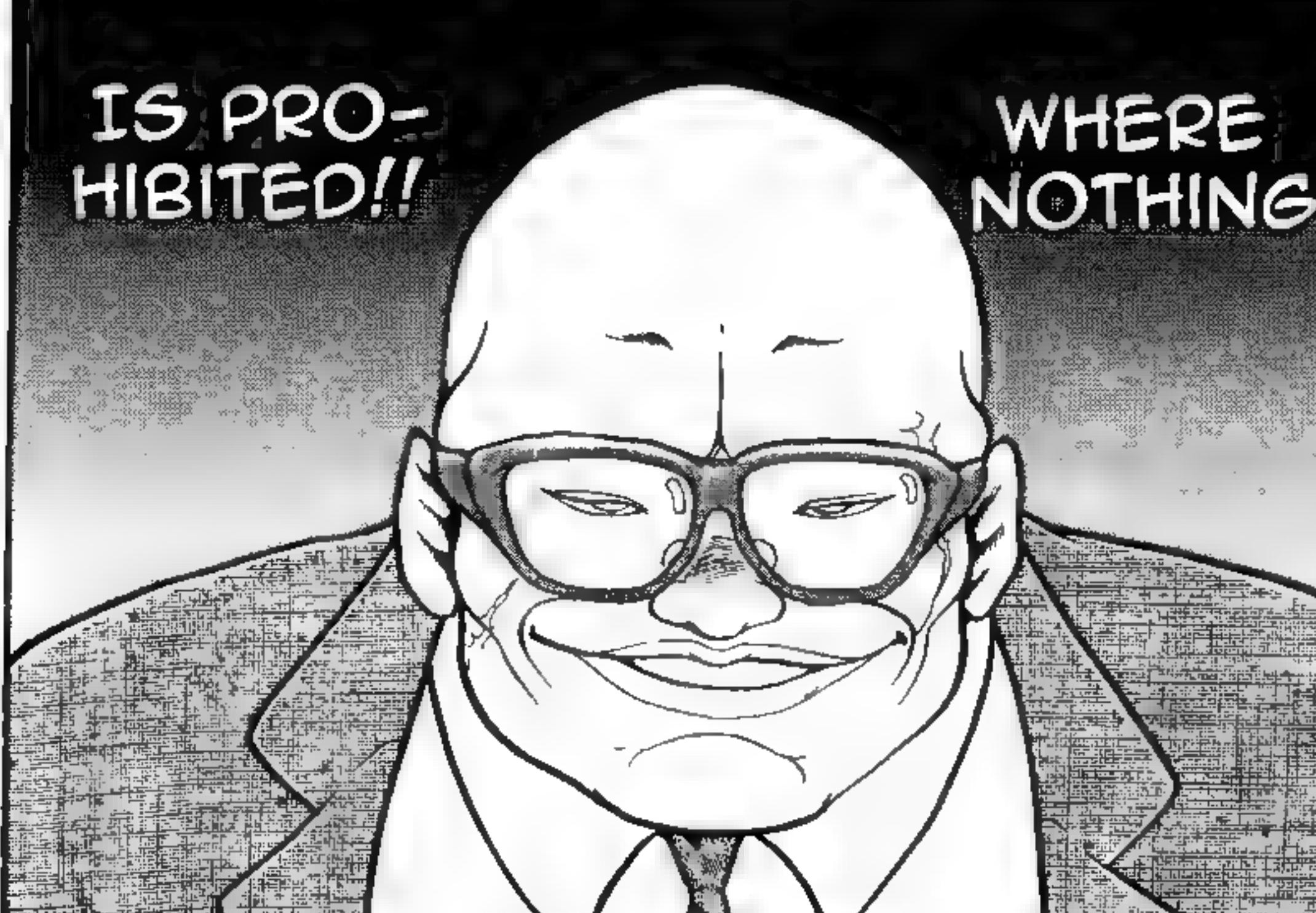


*NOTE: OKINAWA KARATE IS BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST AND PUREST FORM OF KARATE IN JAPAN, AS FIRST KNOWN AND DEVELOPED ON RYUKYU ISLANDS IN WHAT IS NOW OKINAWA



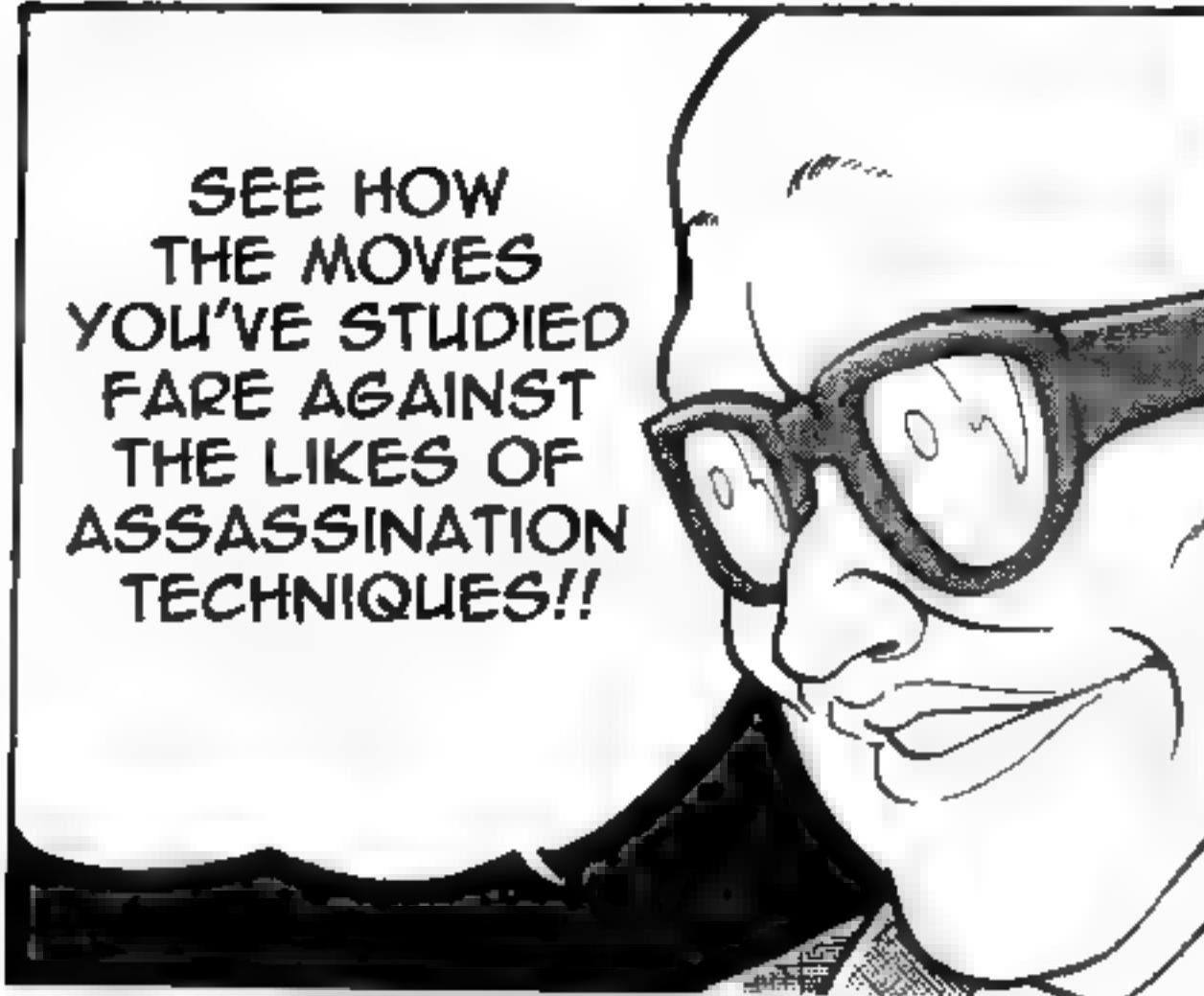


BA-... BAKI'S
ARENA...?



IS PRO-
HIBITED!!

WHERE
NOTHING



SEE HOW
THE MOVES
YOU'VE STUDIED
FARE AGAINST
THE LIKES OF
ASSASSINATION
TECHNIQUES!!



AND
NO ONE
CAN
COMPLAIN.

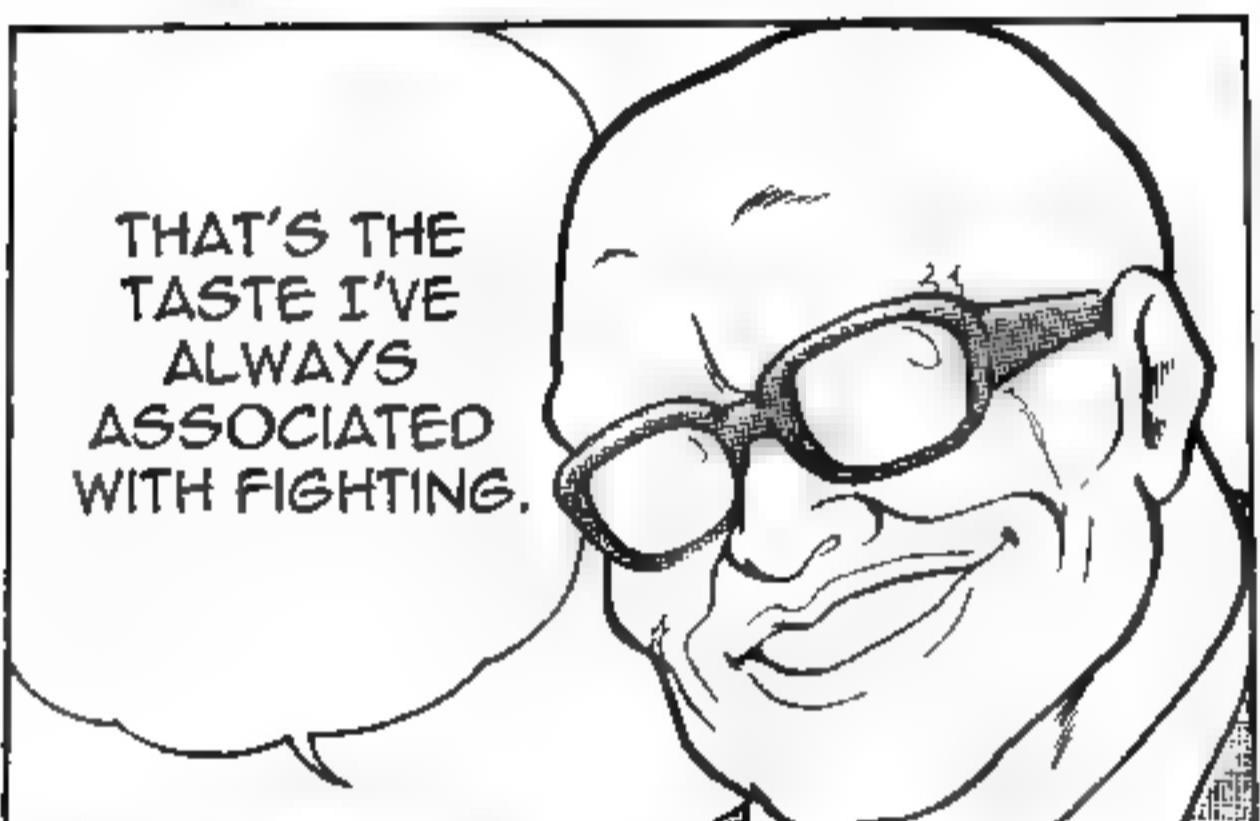
GOUGING
OUT
EYEBALLS
SMASHING
TESTICLES

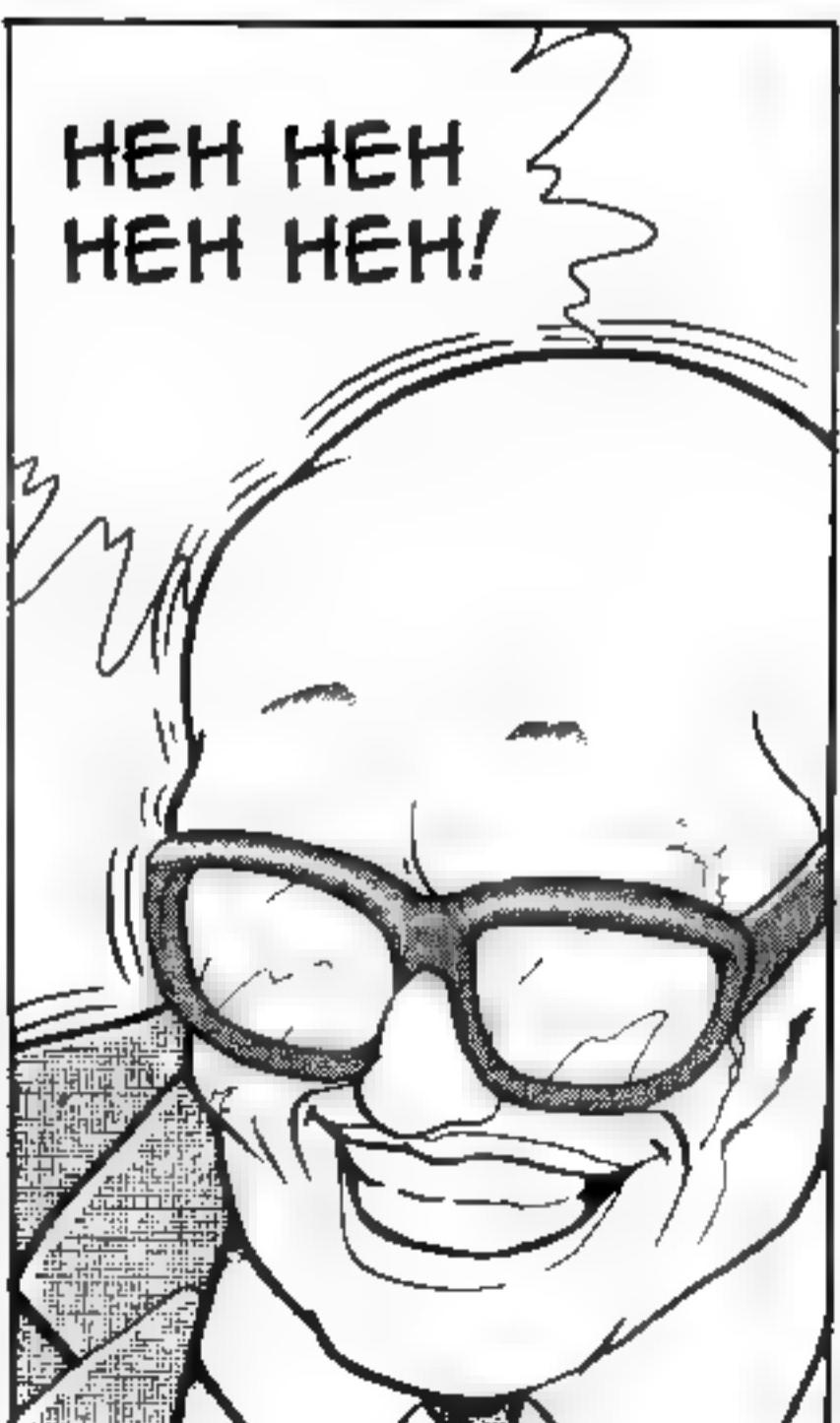


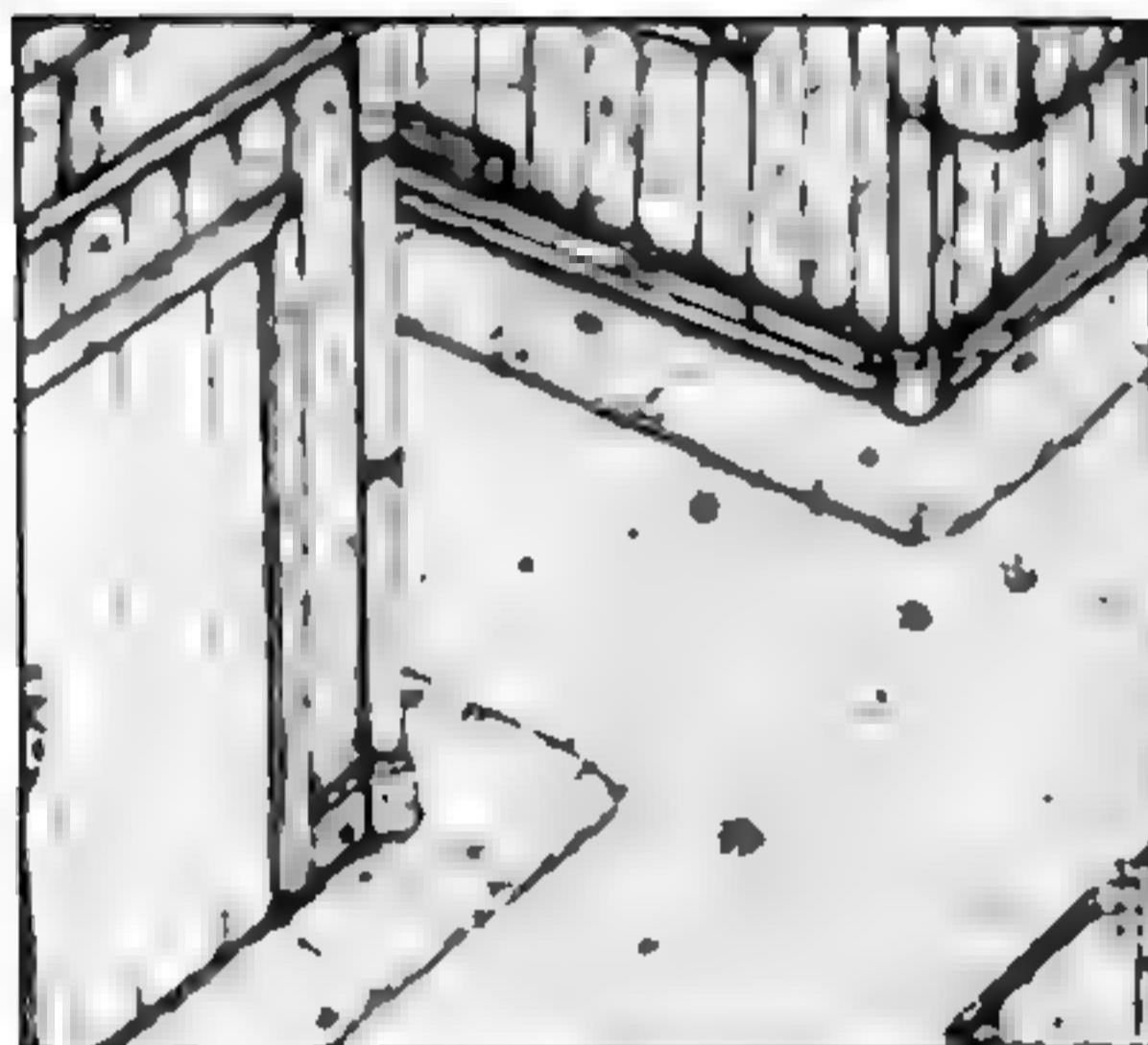
A PLACE
WHERE THE
STRONGEST
MAN IS
DECIDED.



IN SHORT,
A PLACE
WHERE
FIGHTING IS
ACTUALLY
FIGHTING...







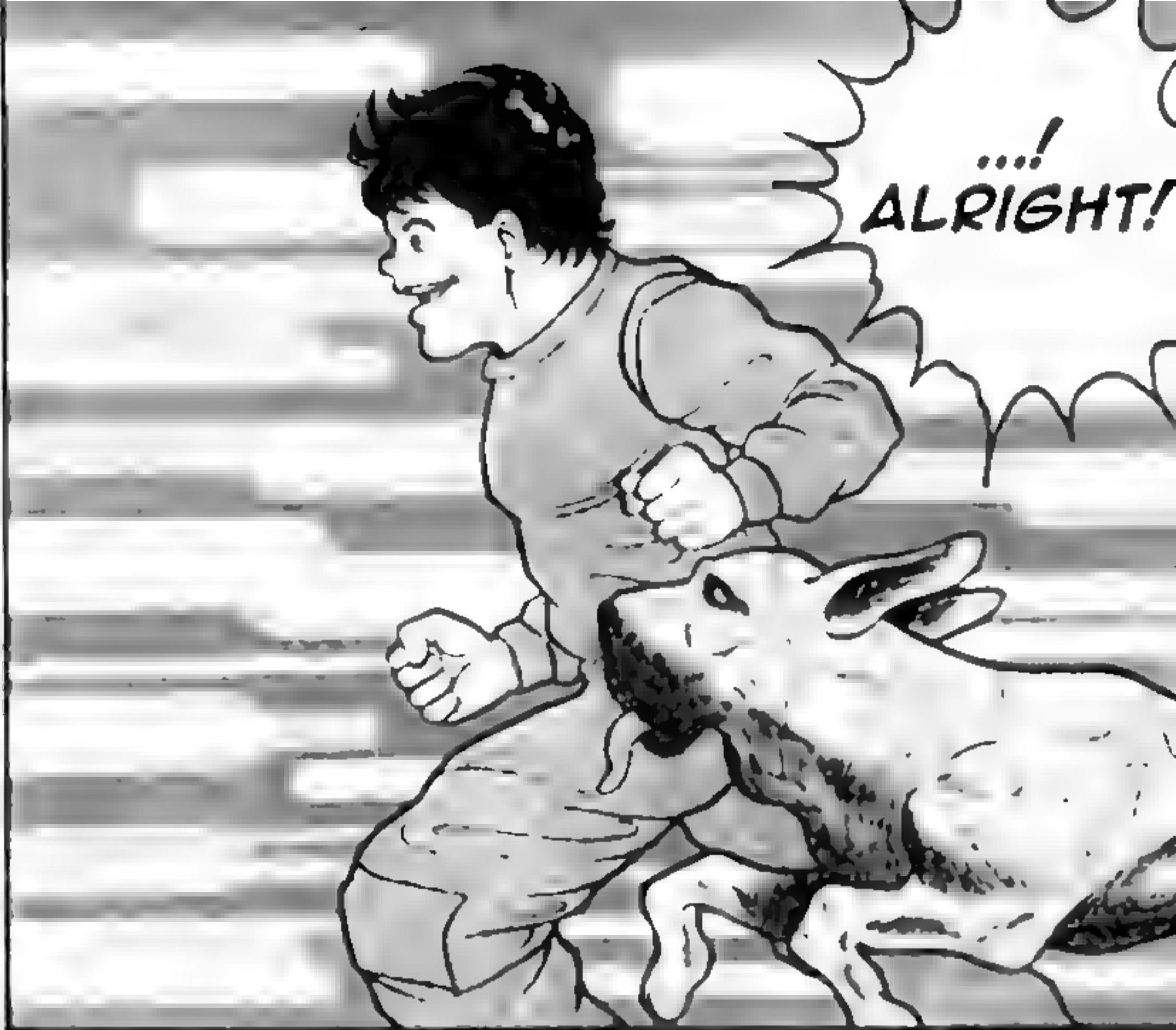


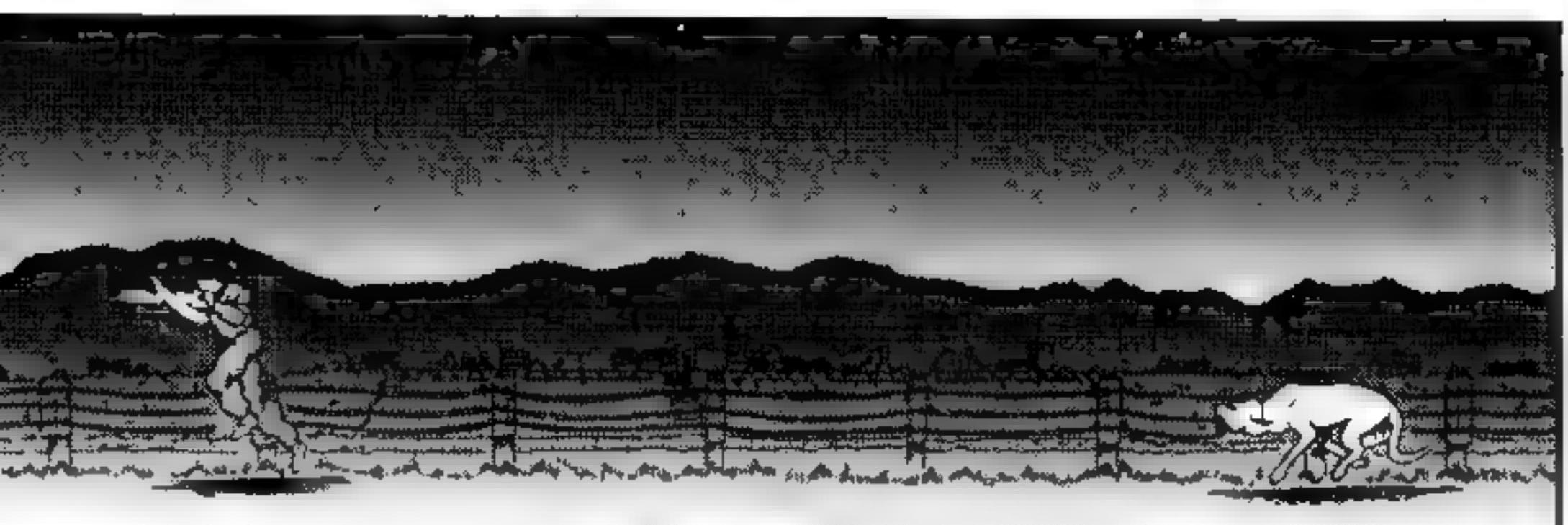
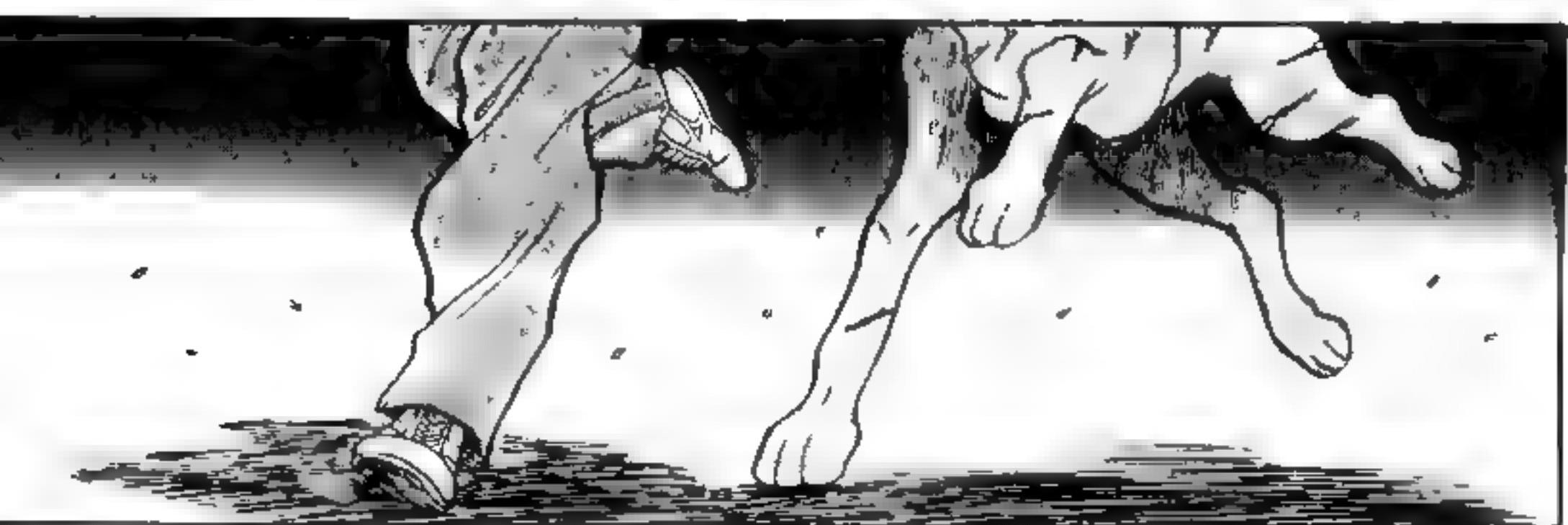
SO COLD-

FROM
NOW ON,
IT'S 30 KM.

Oh, ...

IF YOU GET
TIRED HALFWAY,
I'M GOING TO
LEAVE YOU
BEHIND-





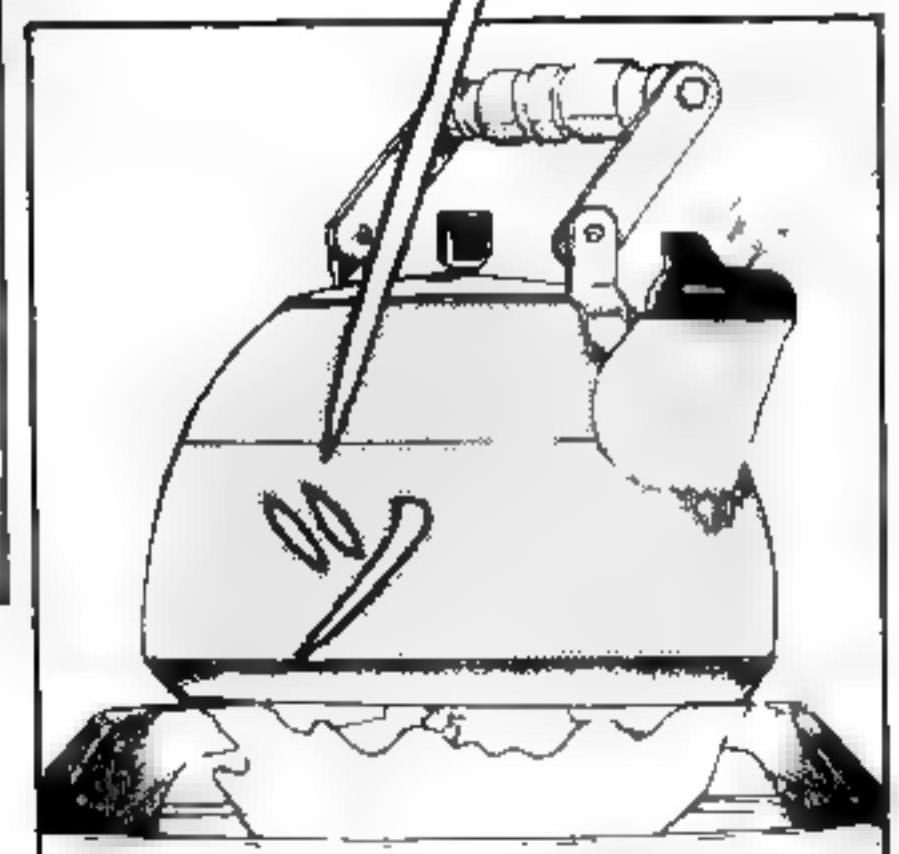
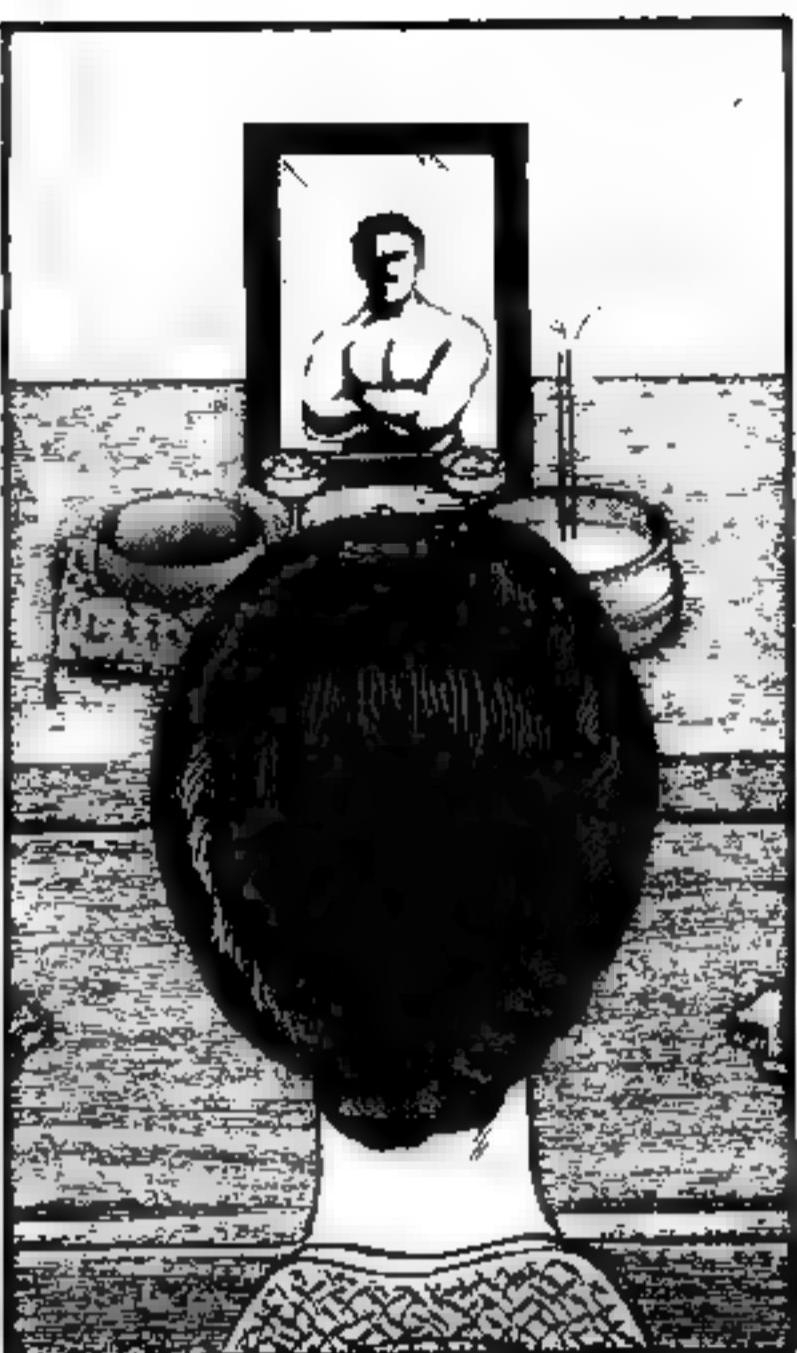


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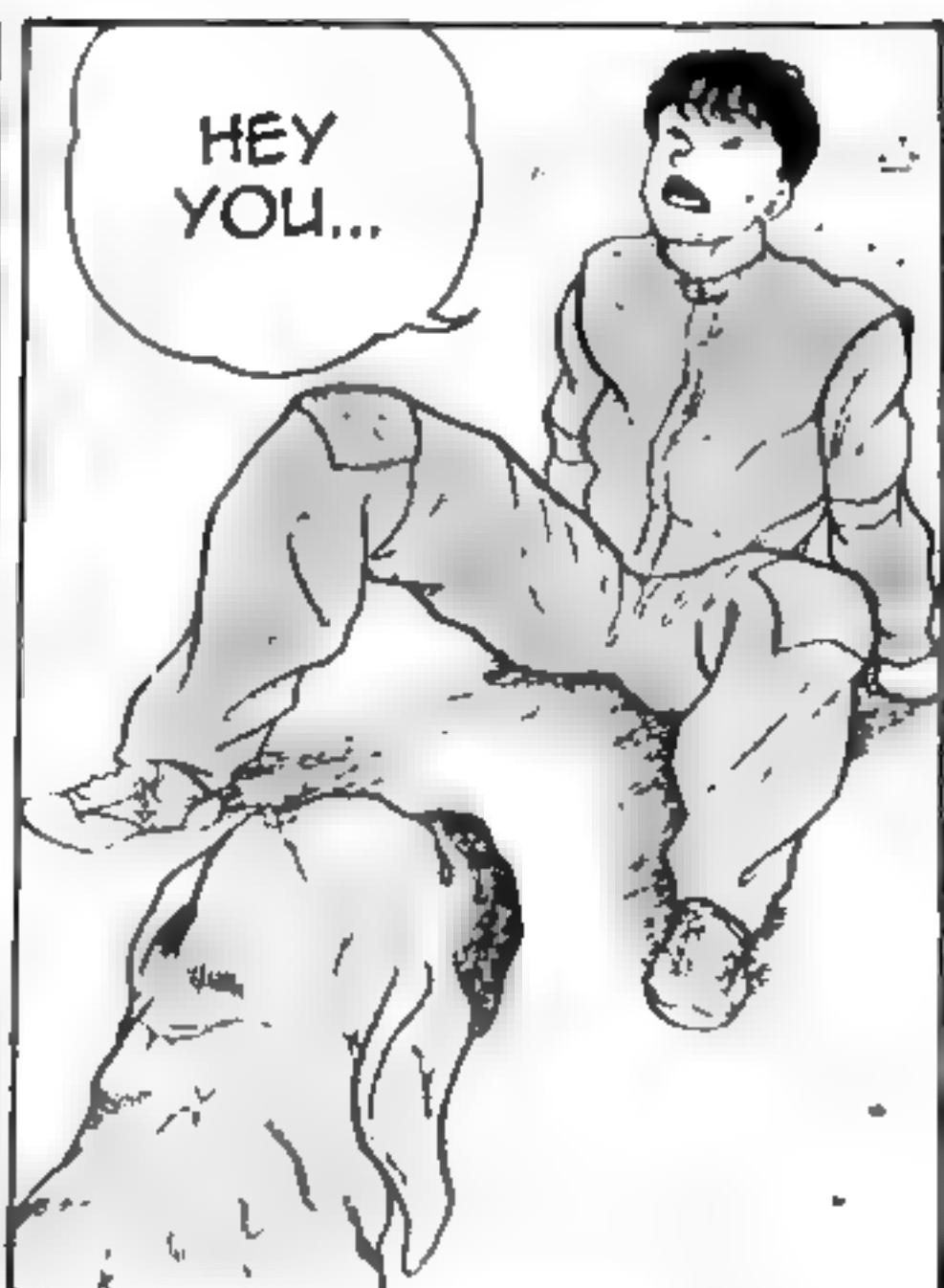
Ask Baki!!



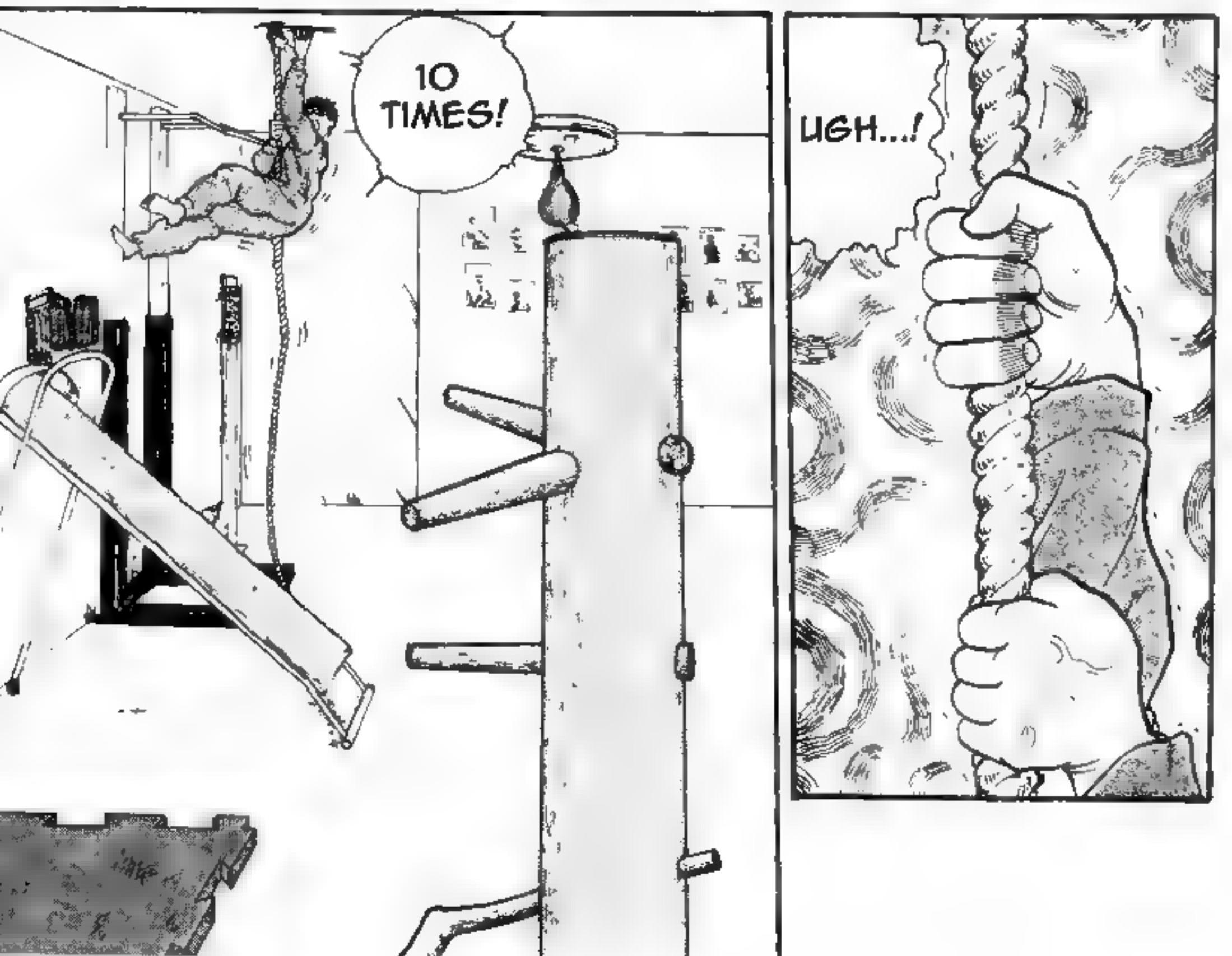
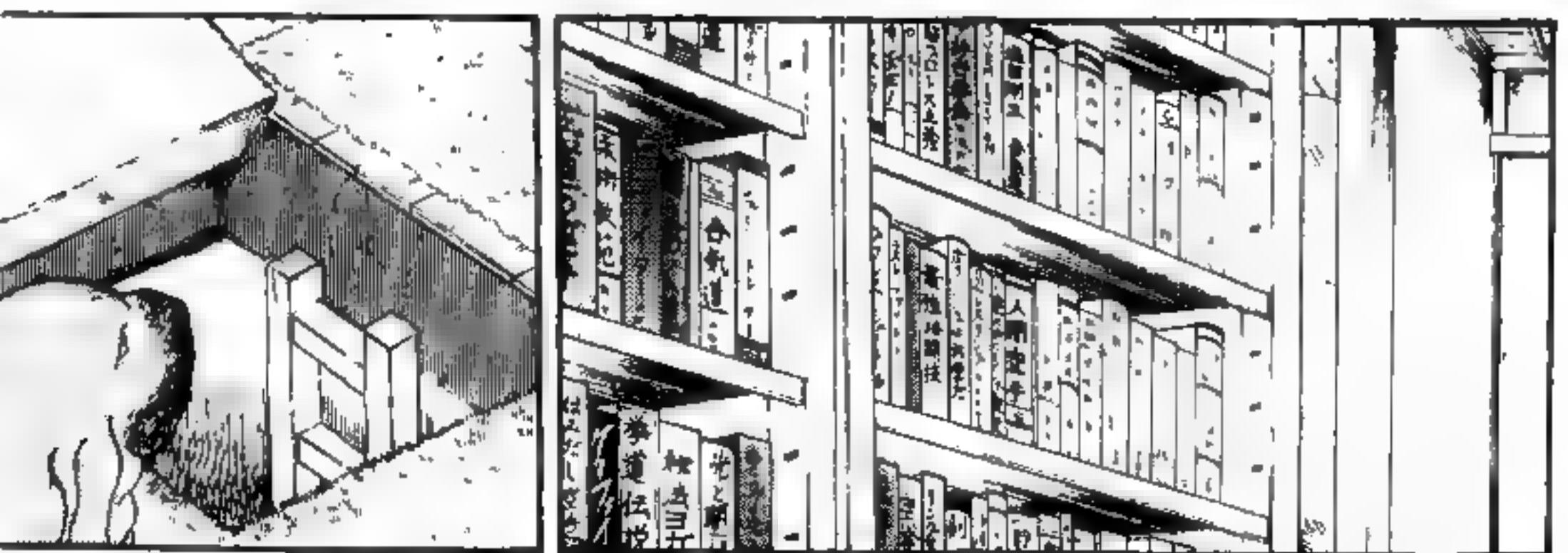


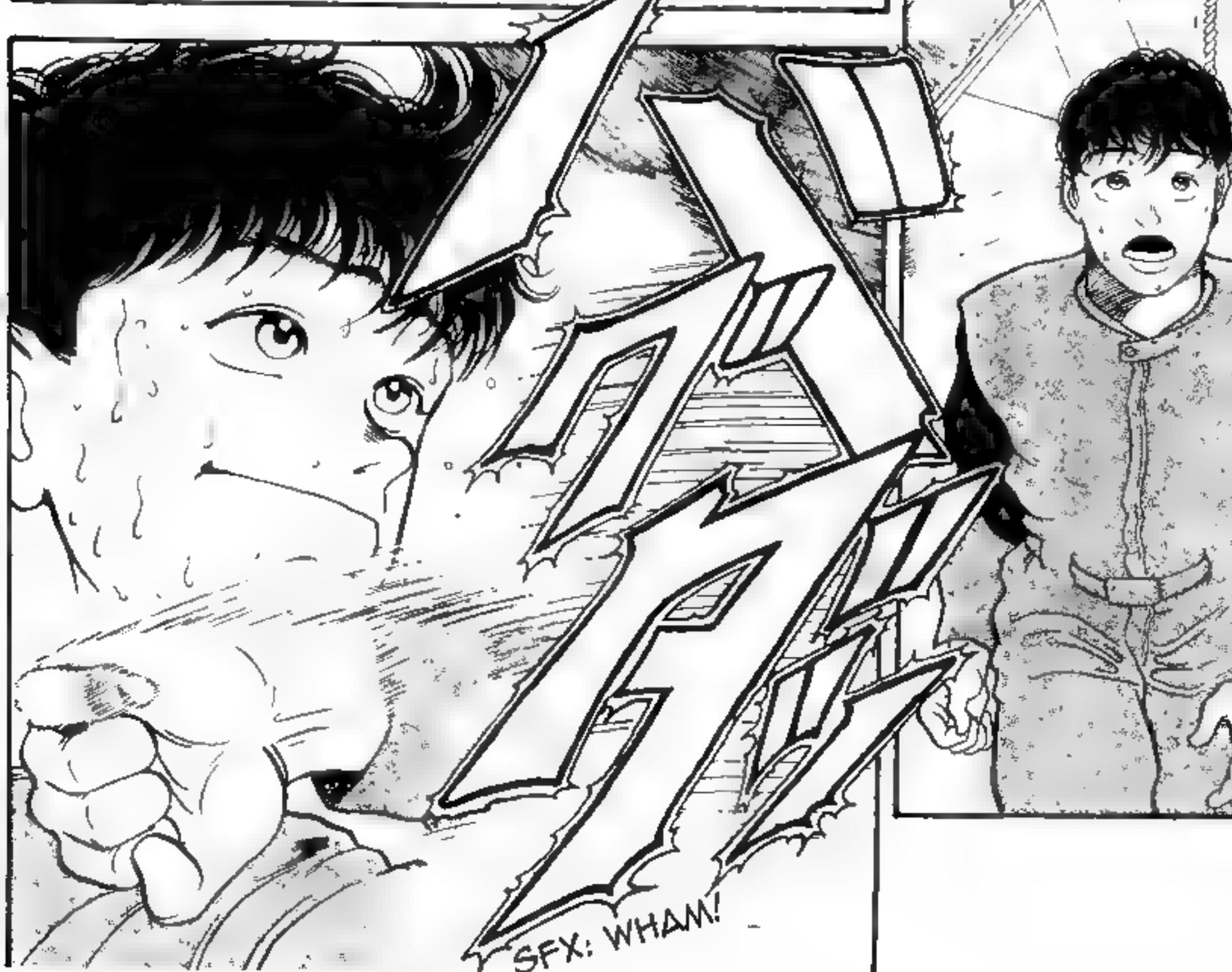
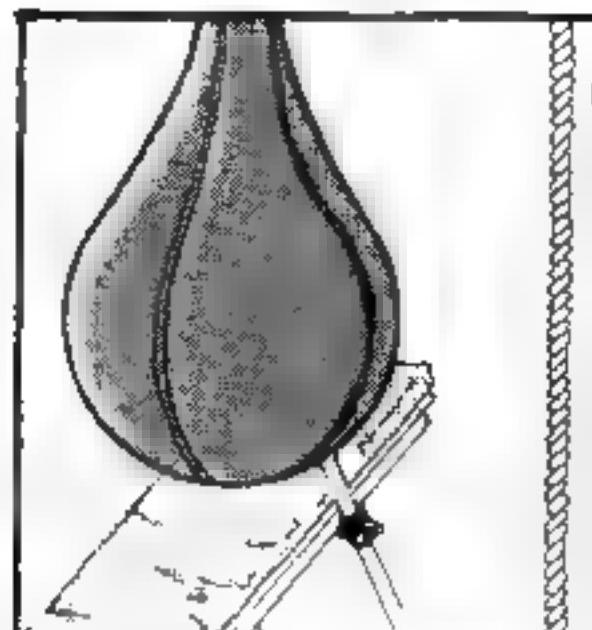
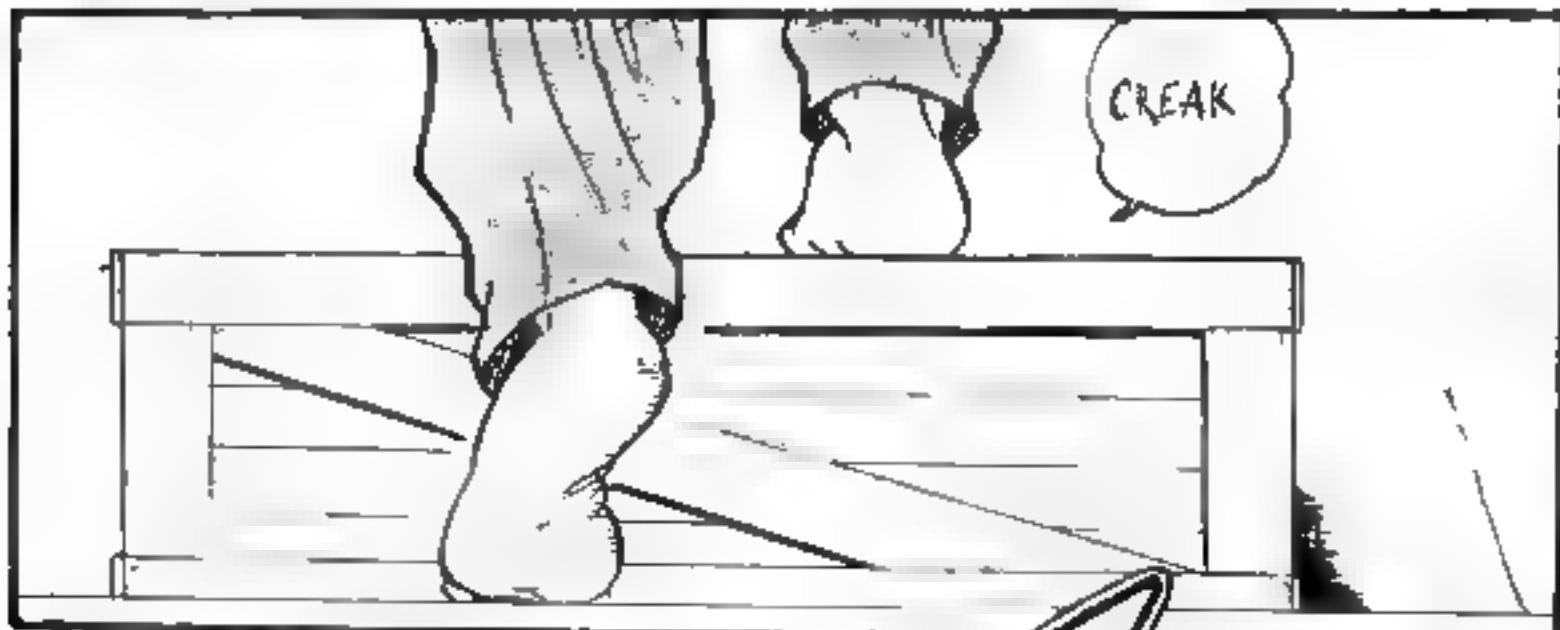
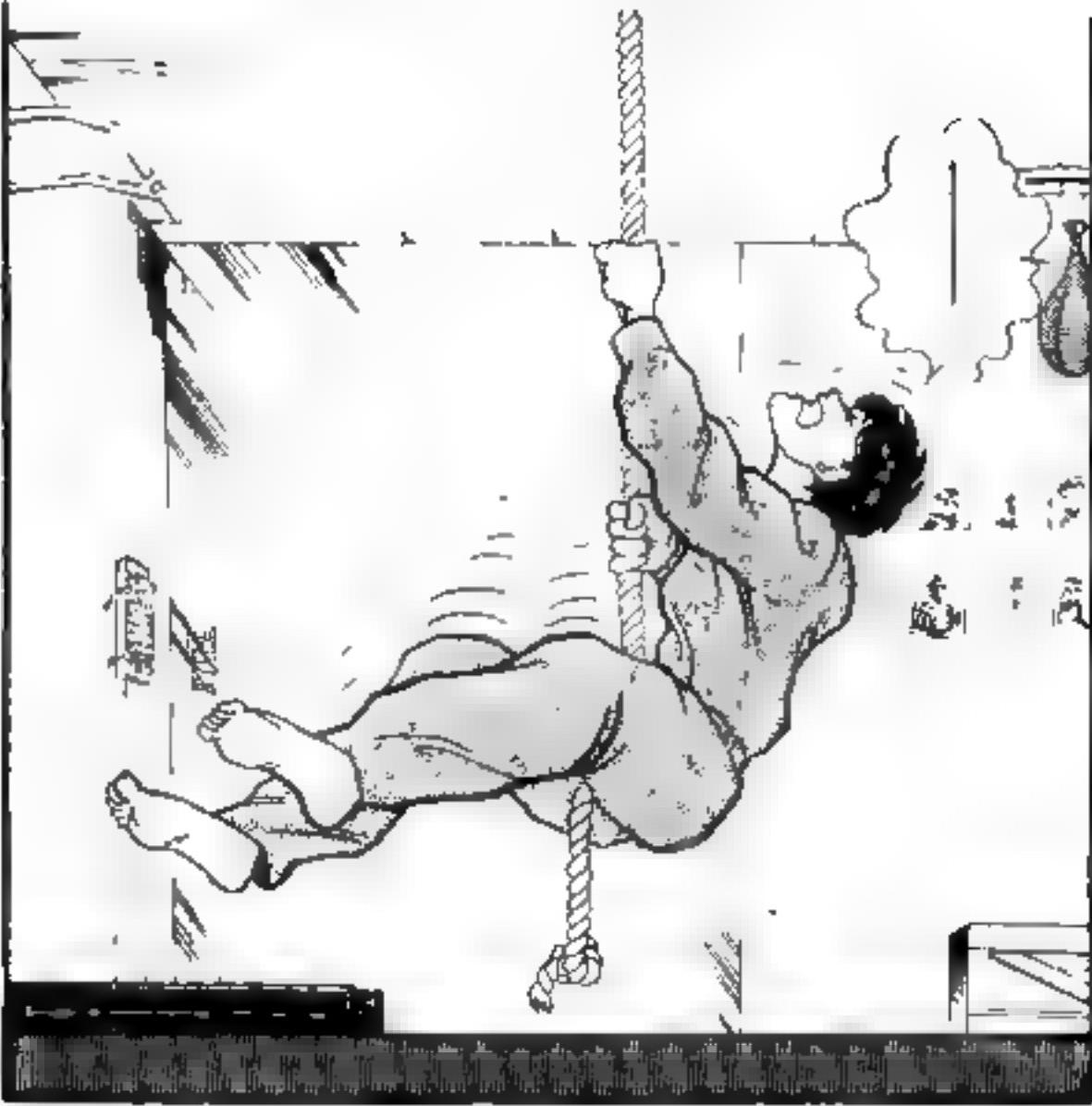


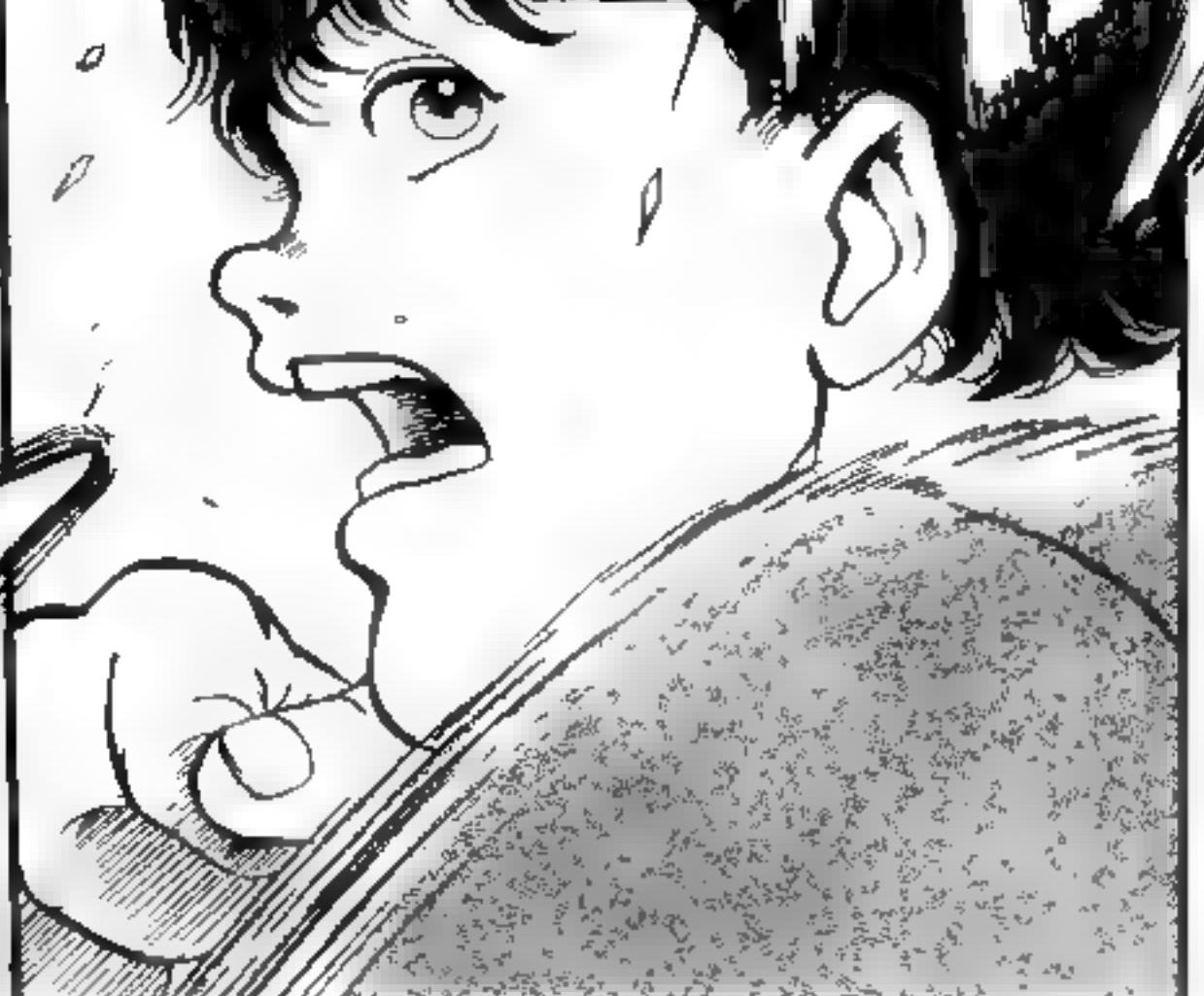
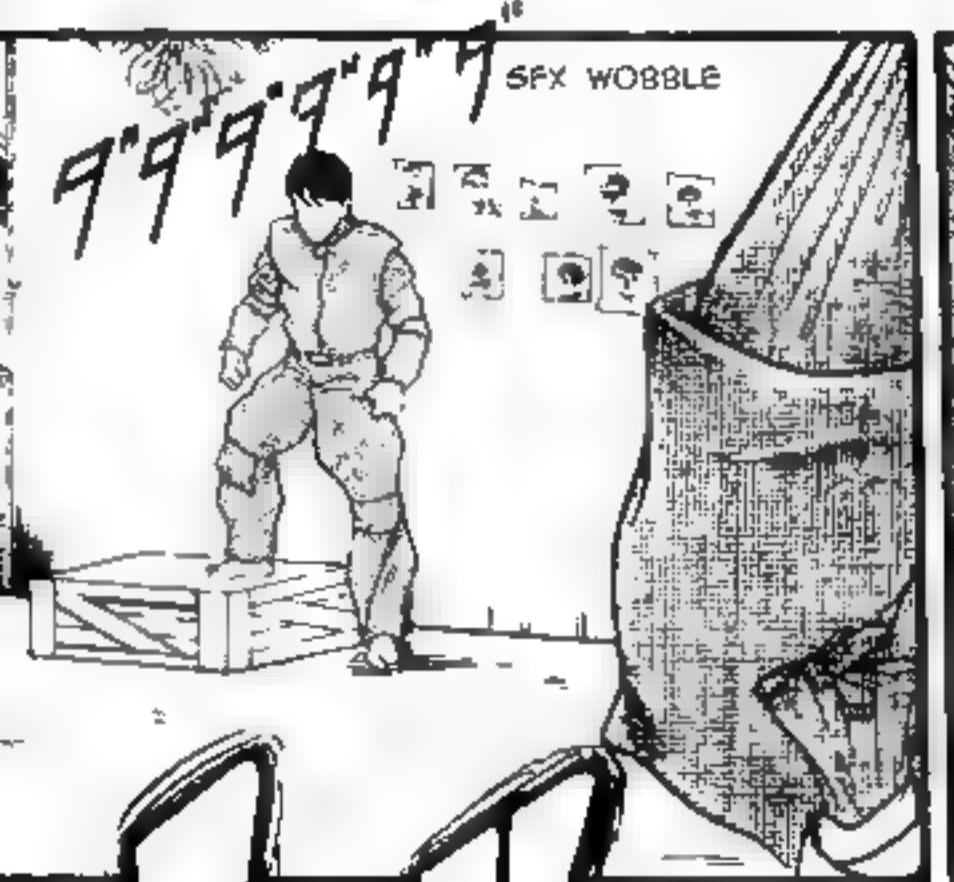
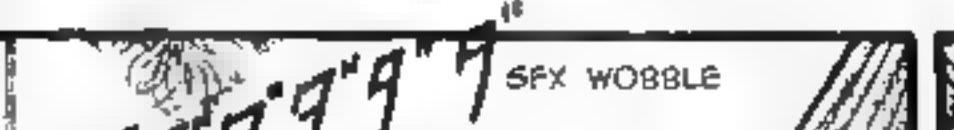
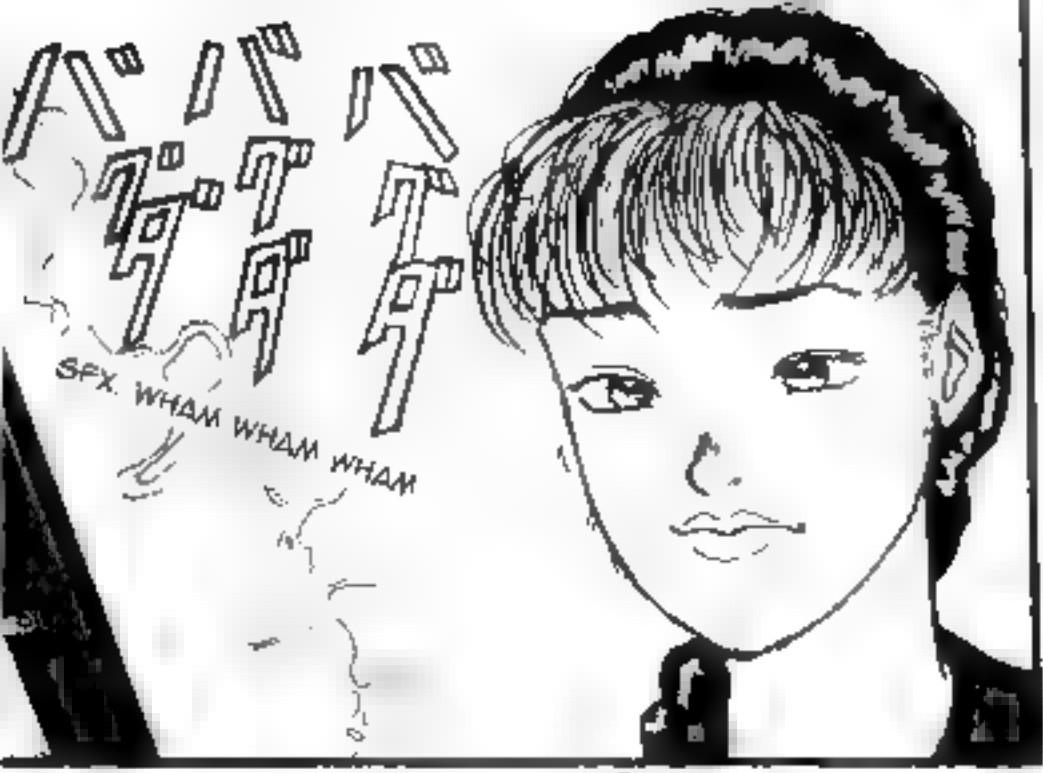


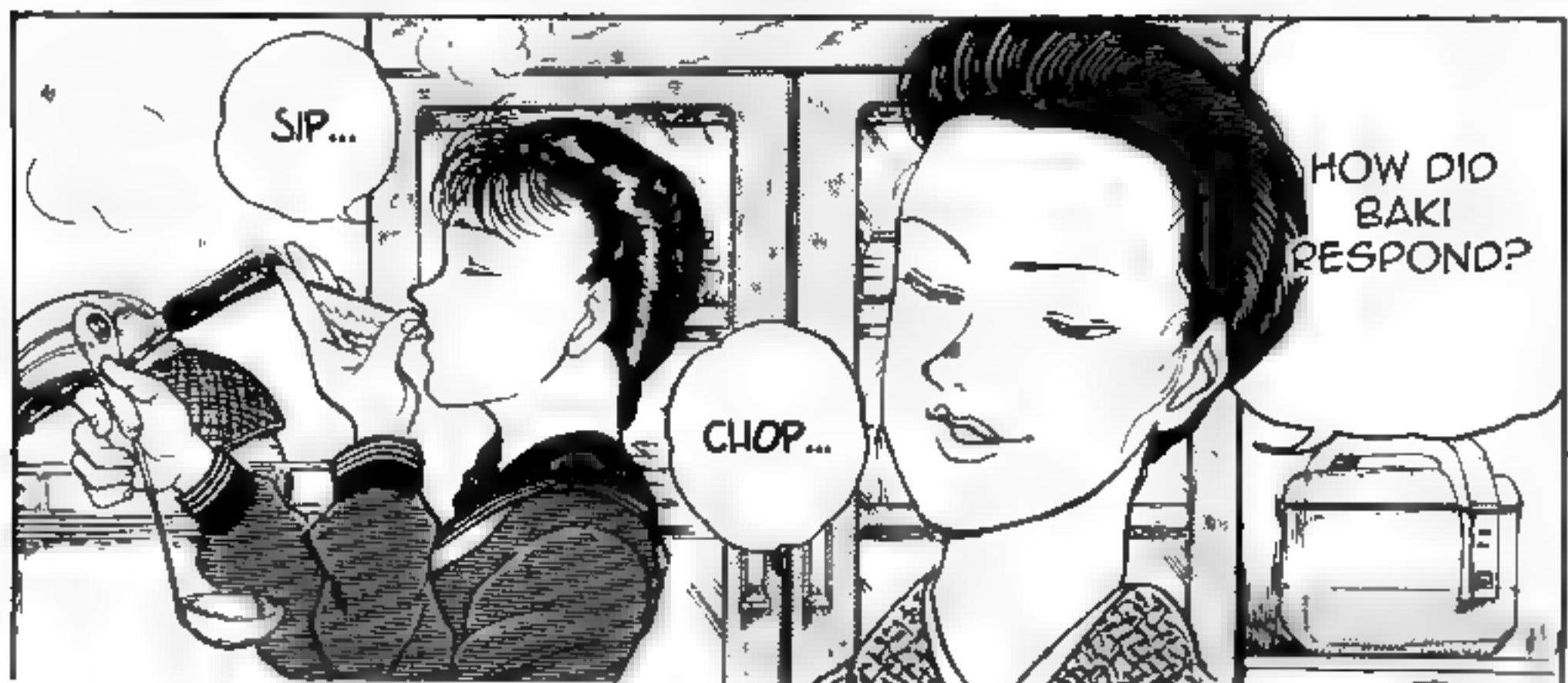
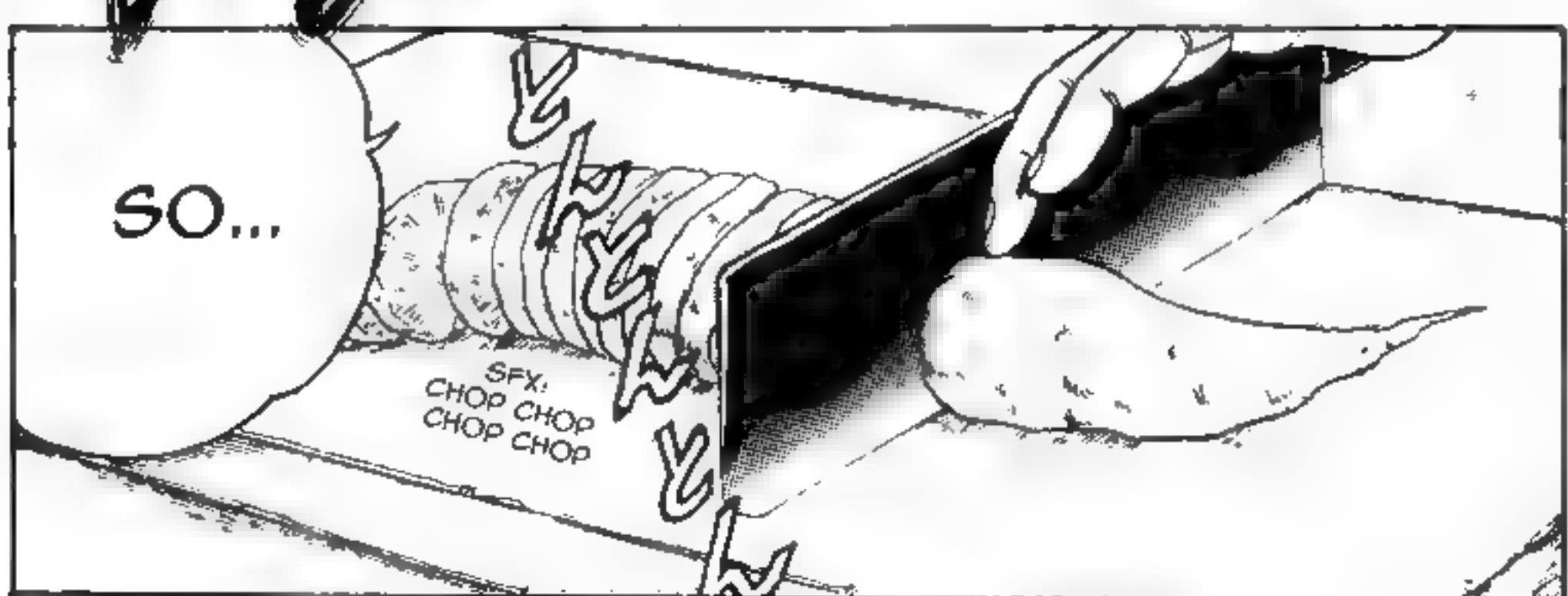


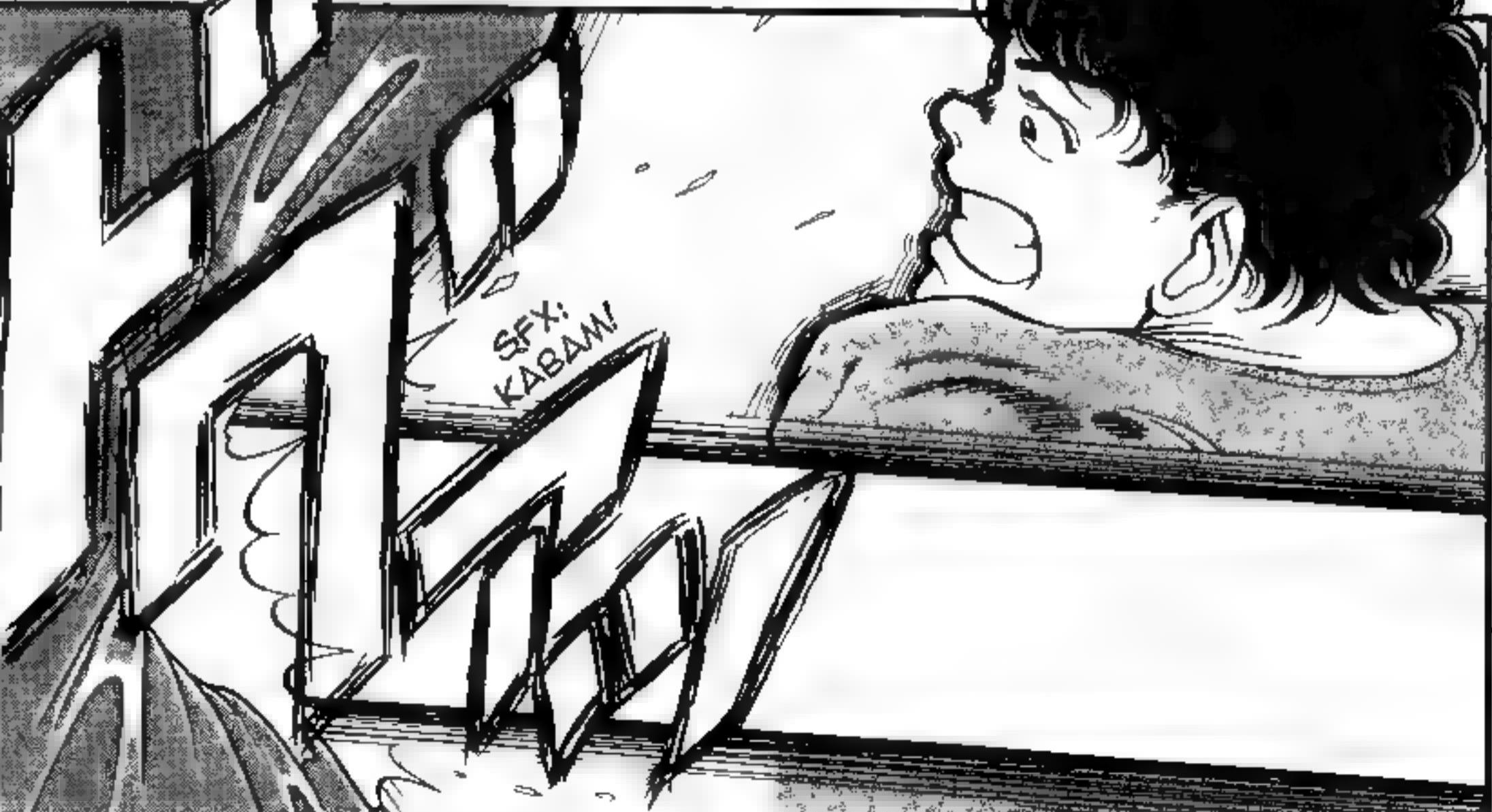






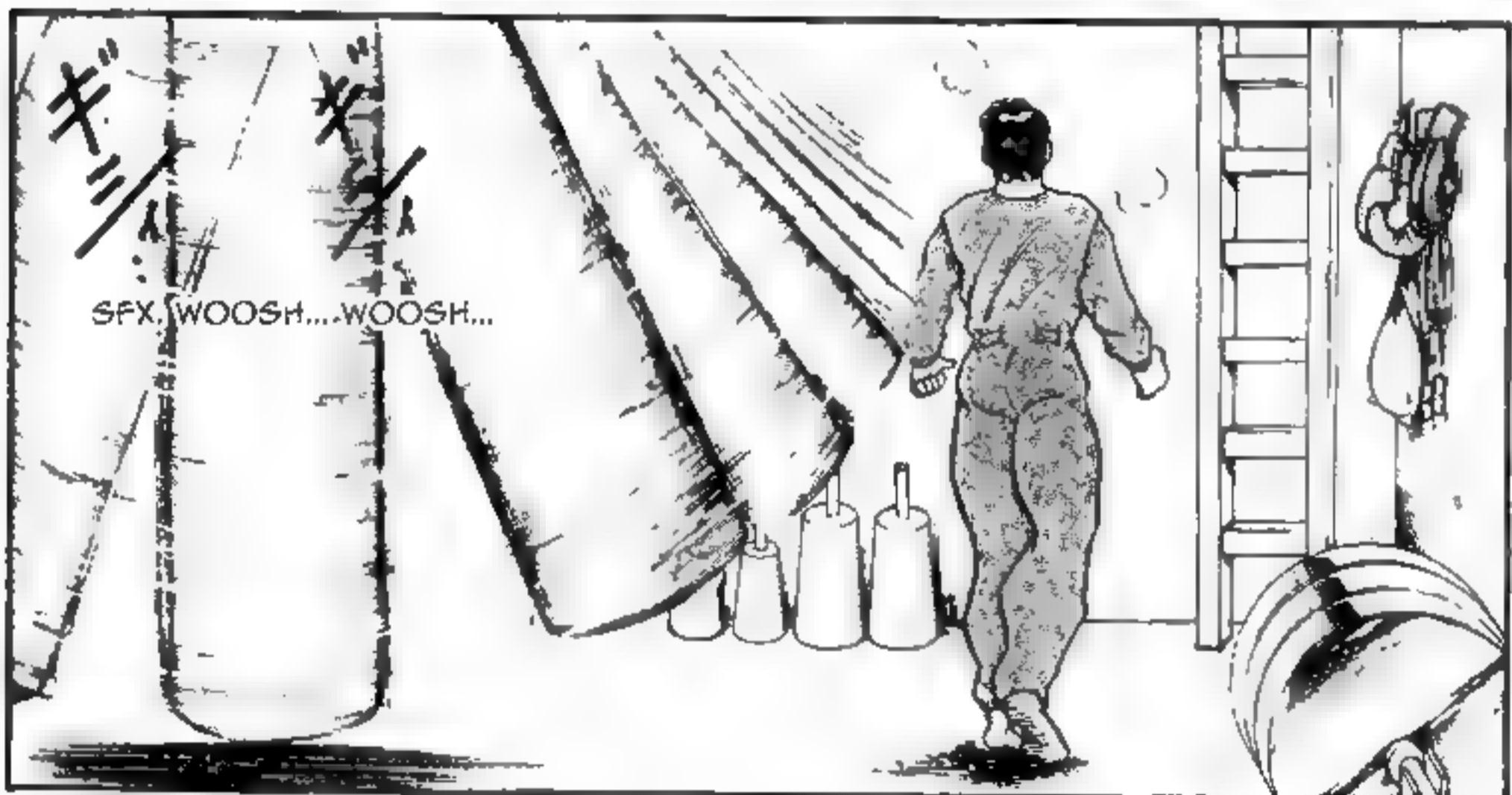




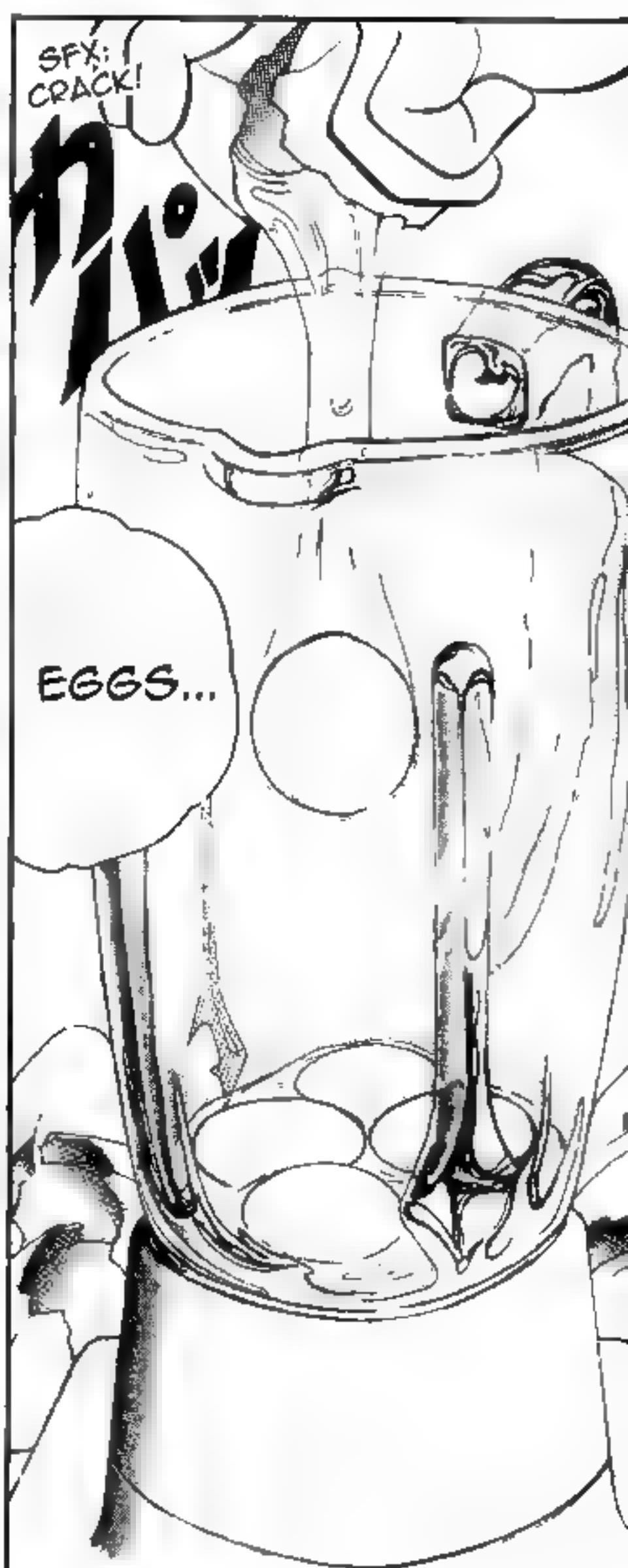
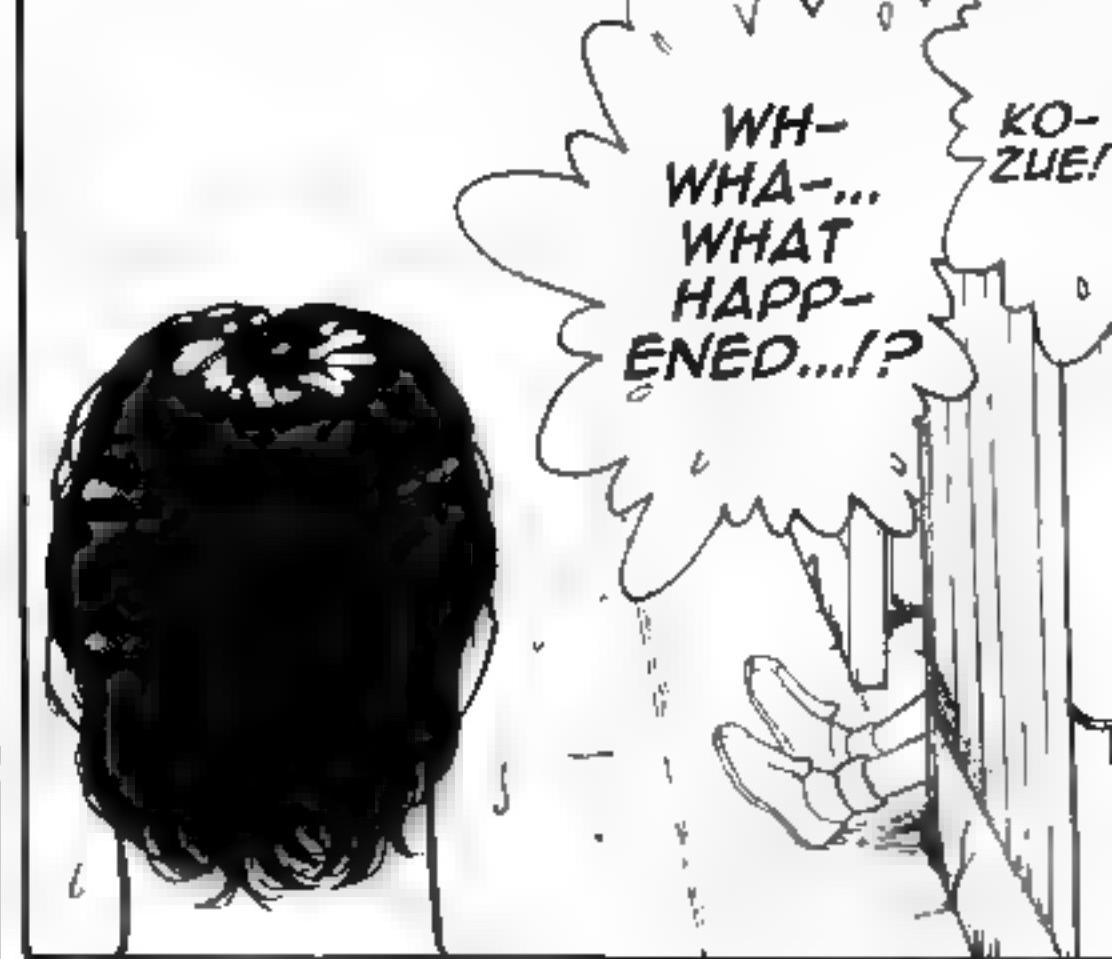
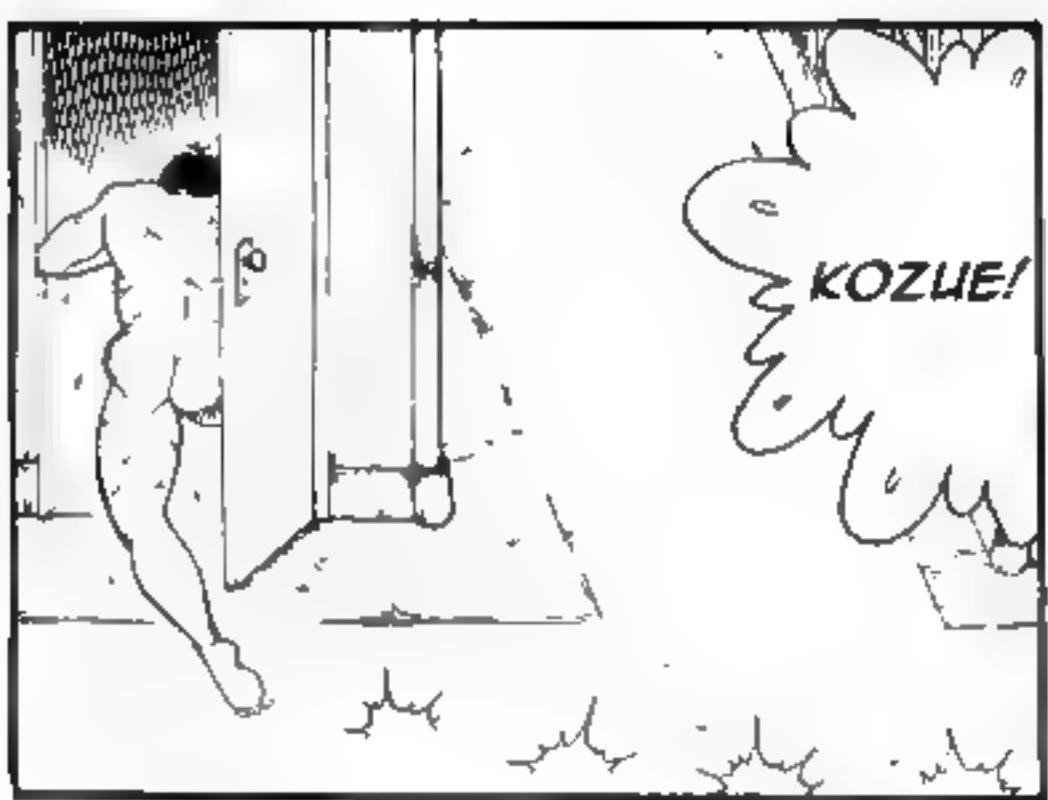




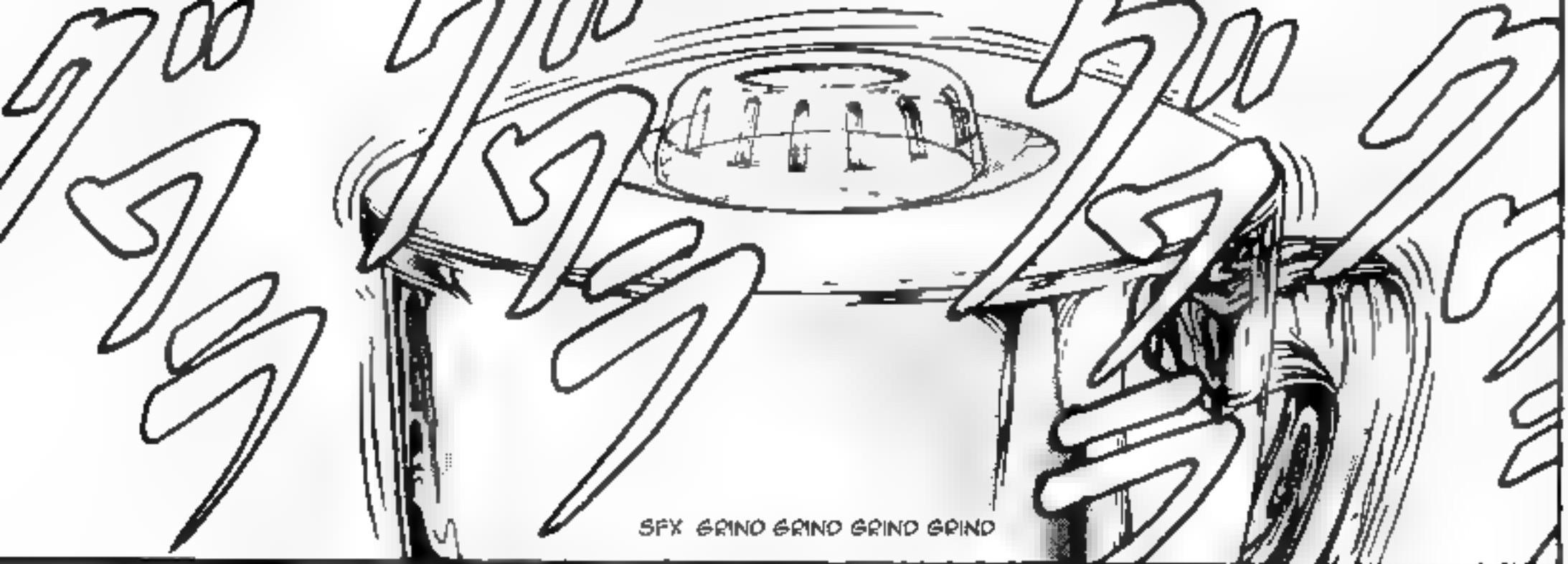






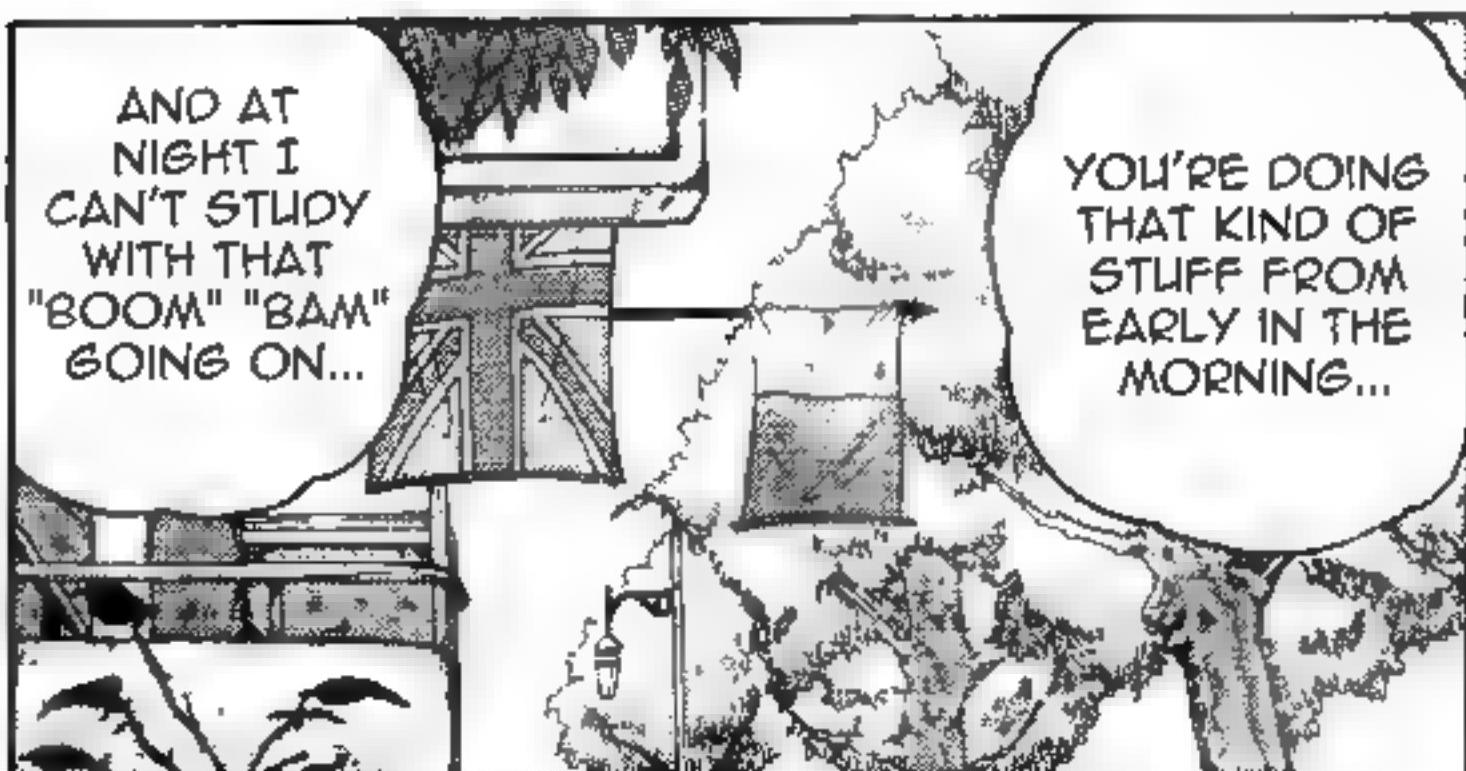


*NOTE: OKARA OR SOY PULP IS A WHITE OR YELLOWISH PULP CONSISTING OF INSOLUBLE PARTS OF THE SOYBEAN WHICH REMAIN IN THE FILTER SACK WHEN PLEATED SOYBEANS ARE FILTERED IN THE PRODUCTION OF SOY MILK. IT IS PART OF THE TRADITIONAL CUISINES OF JAPAN, KOREA, AND CHINA, AND SINCE THE 20TH CENTURY HAS ALSO BEEN USED IN THE VEGETARIAN CUISINES OF WESTERN NATIONS. OKARA IS LOW IN FAT, HIGH IN FIBER, AND ALSO CONTAINS PROTEIN, CALCIUM, IRON, AND RIBOFLAVIN.





WELL
YOU DIDN'T
GIVE ME AN
ANSWER
LAST TIME.



YOU'RE DOING
THAT KIND OF
STUFF FROM
EARLY IN THE
MORNING...

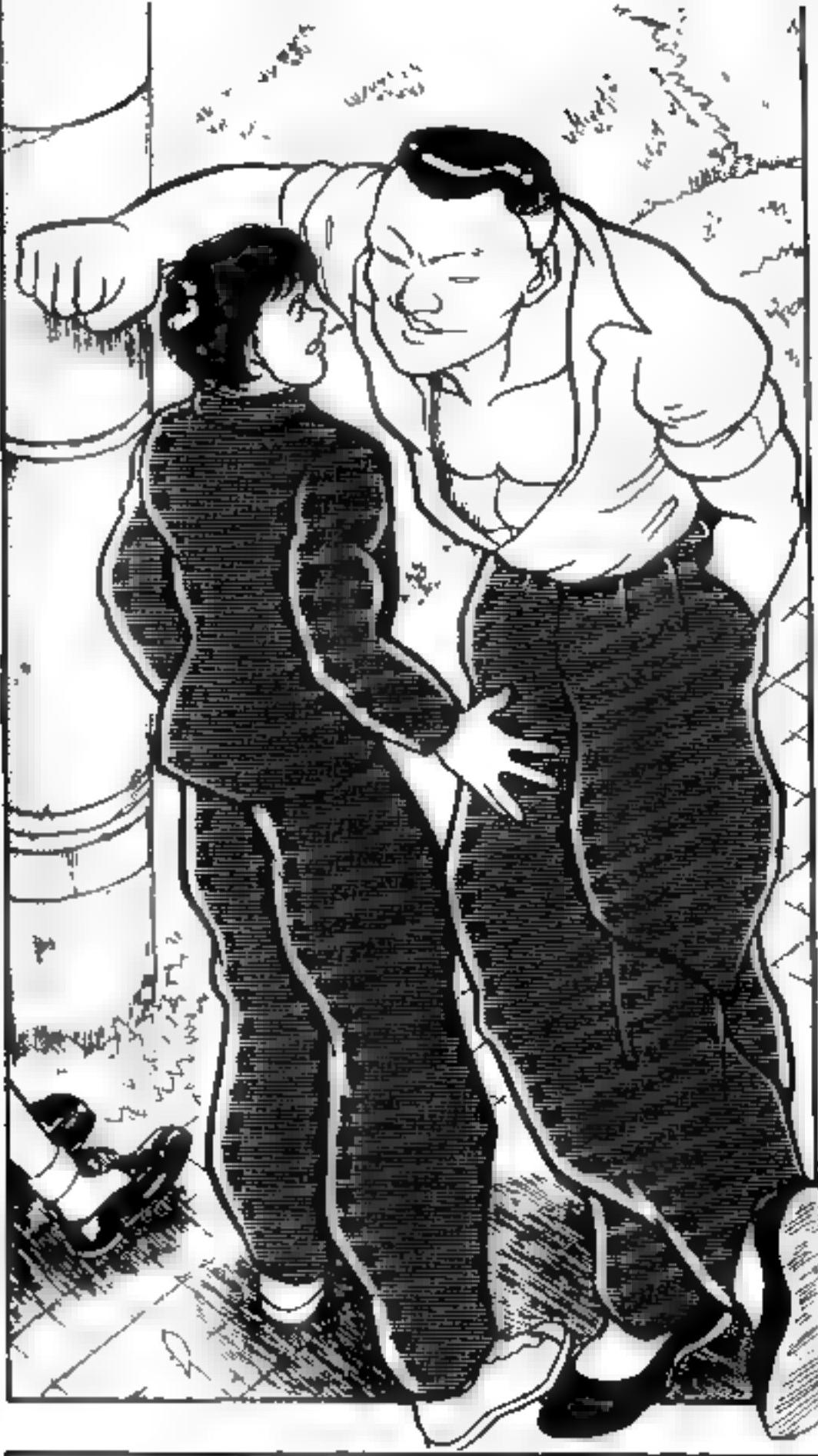
MMMM-
BUT TO
ASK ME,
"WHAT AM I
AIMING FOR"...



WHO
COULDN'T
HEAR IT!?





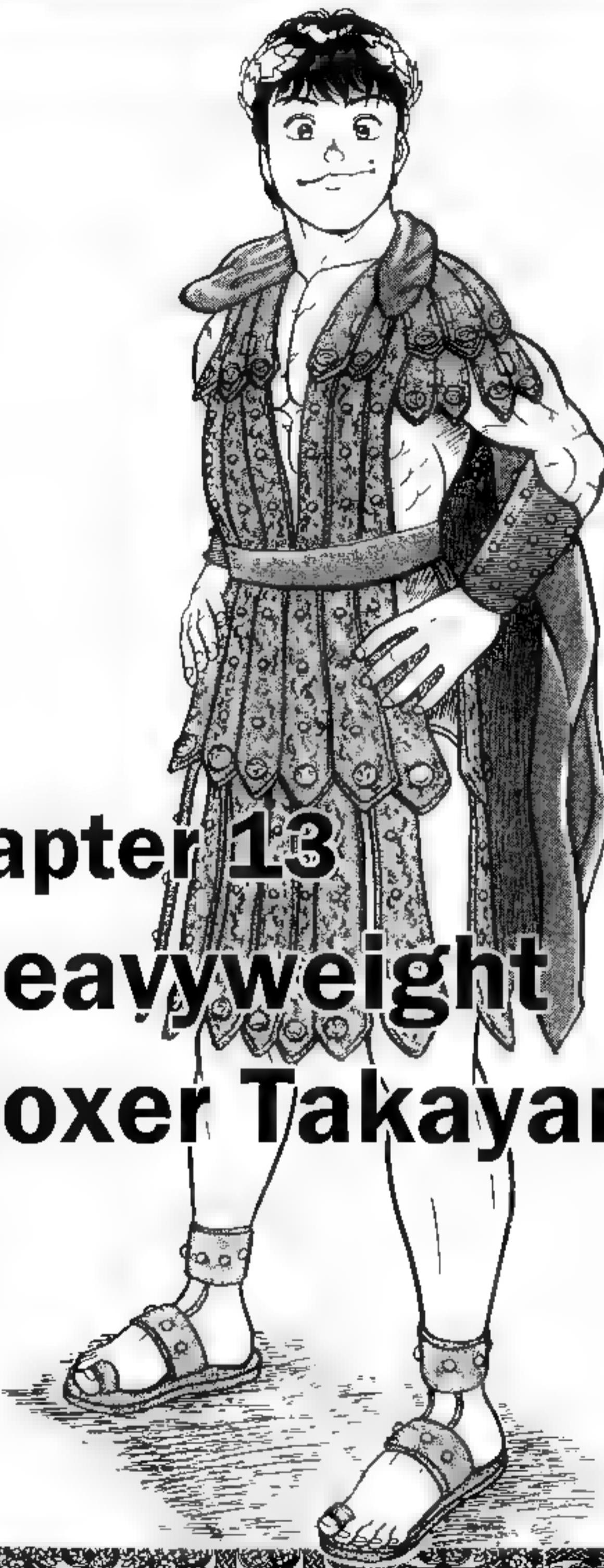


YO,
BAKI.



TA-... TAKAYAMA.
FROM THE
BOXING CLUB...



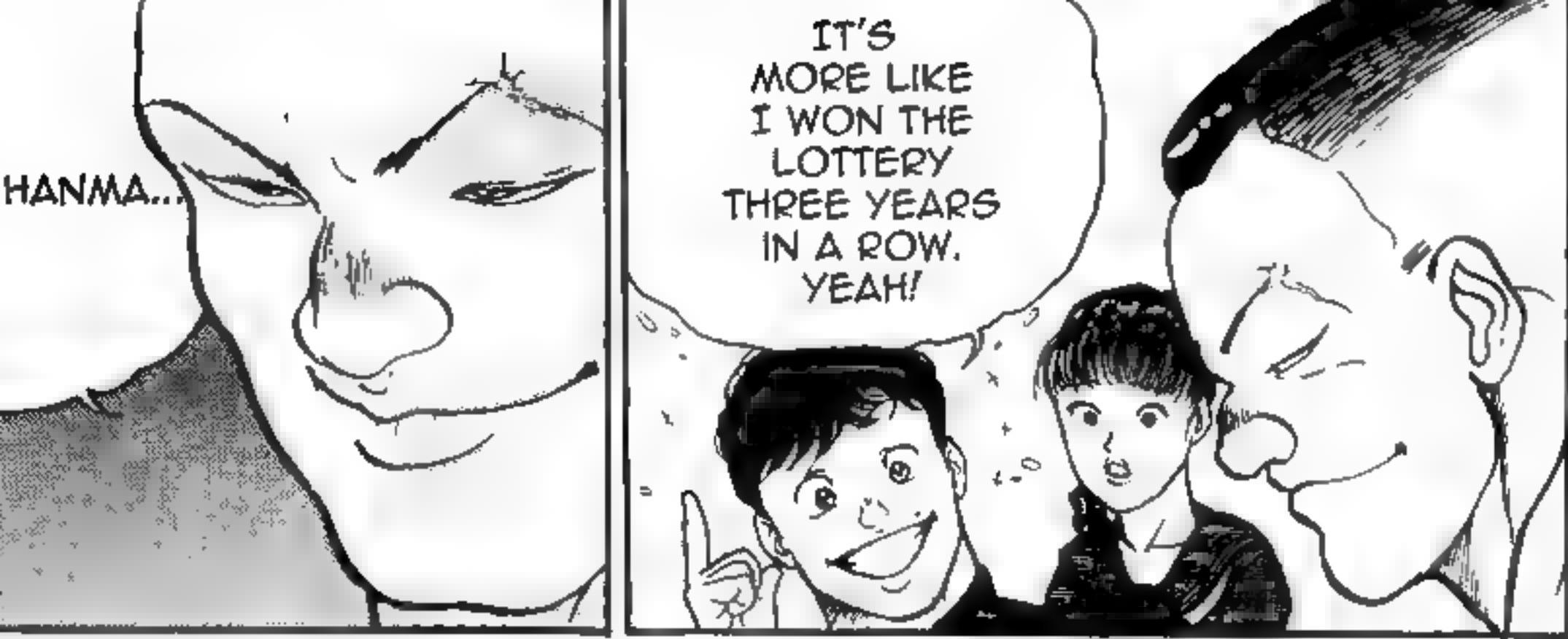


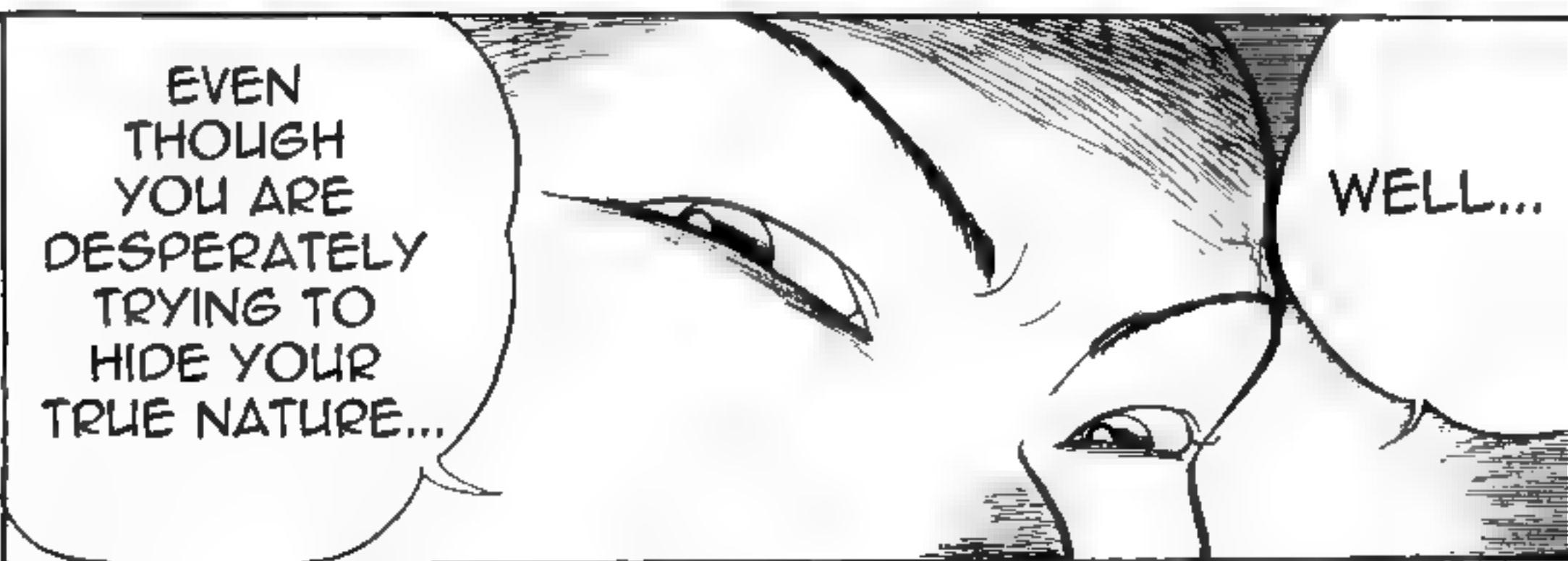
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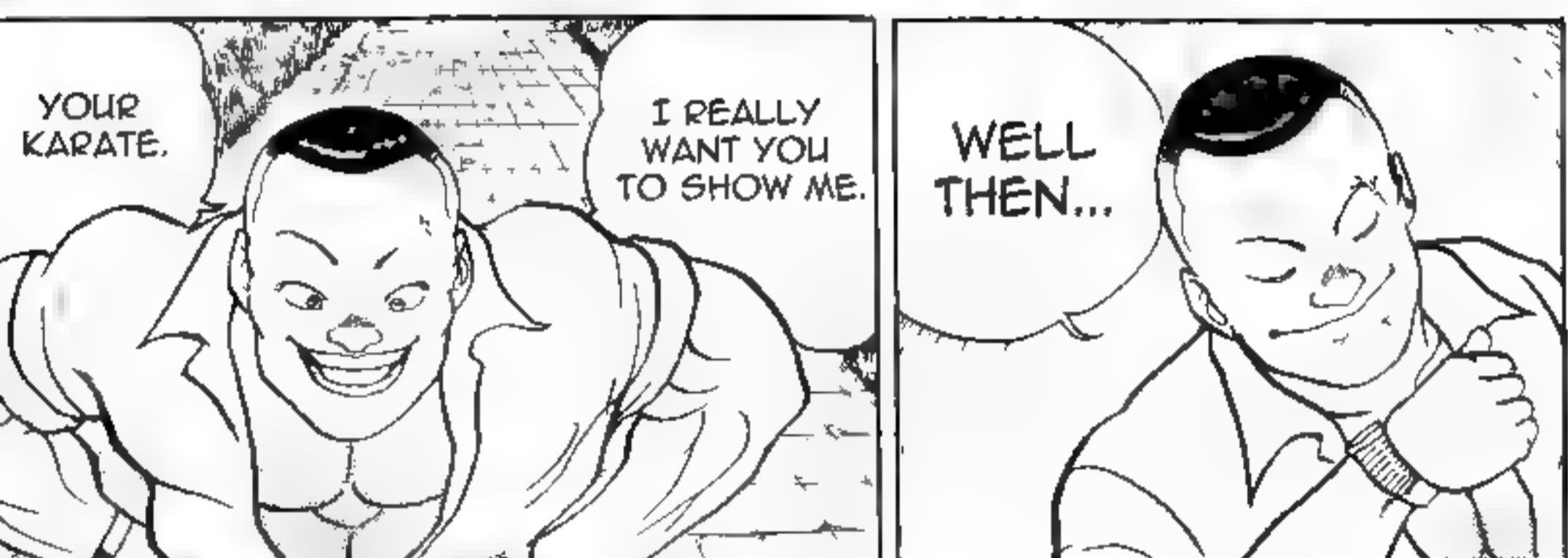
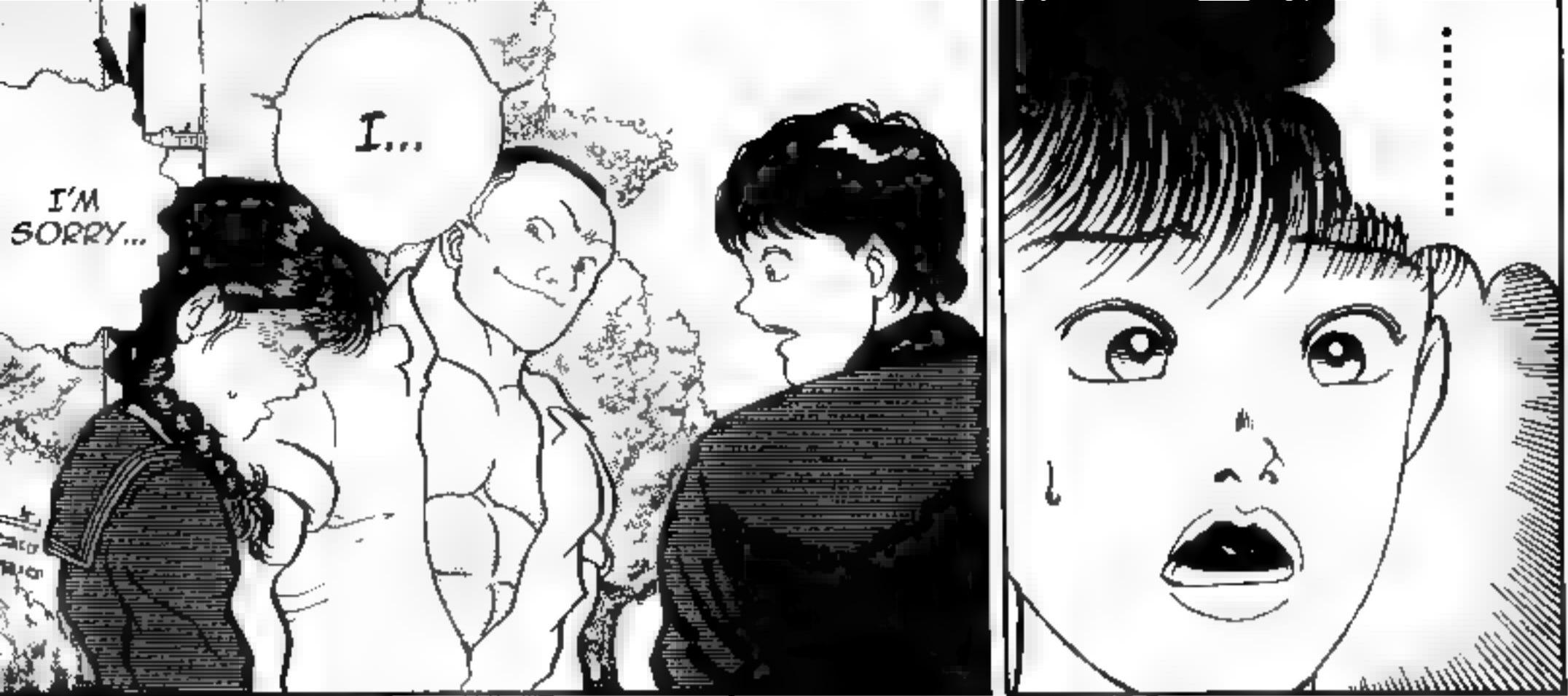
Heavyweight

Boxer Takayama!





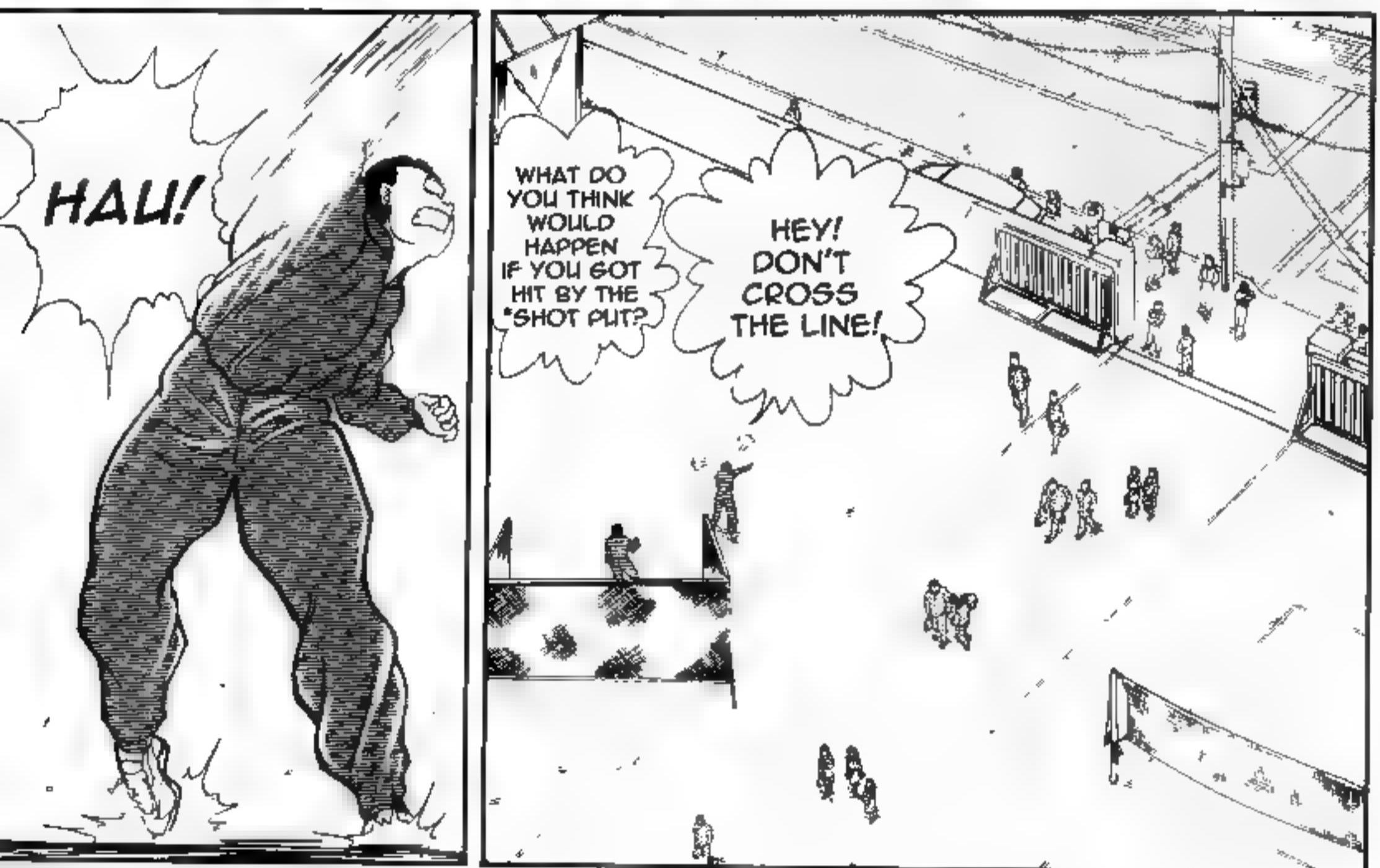






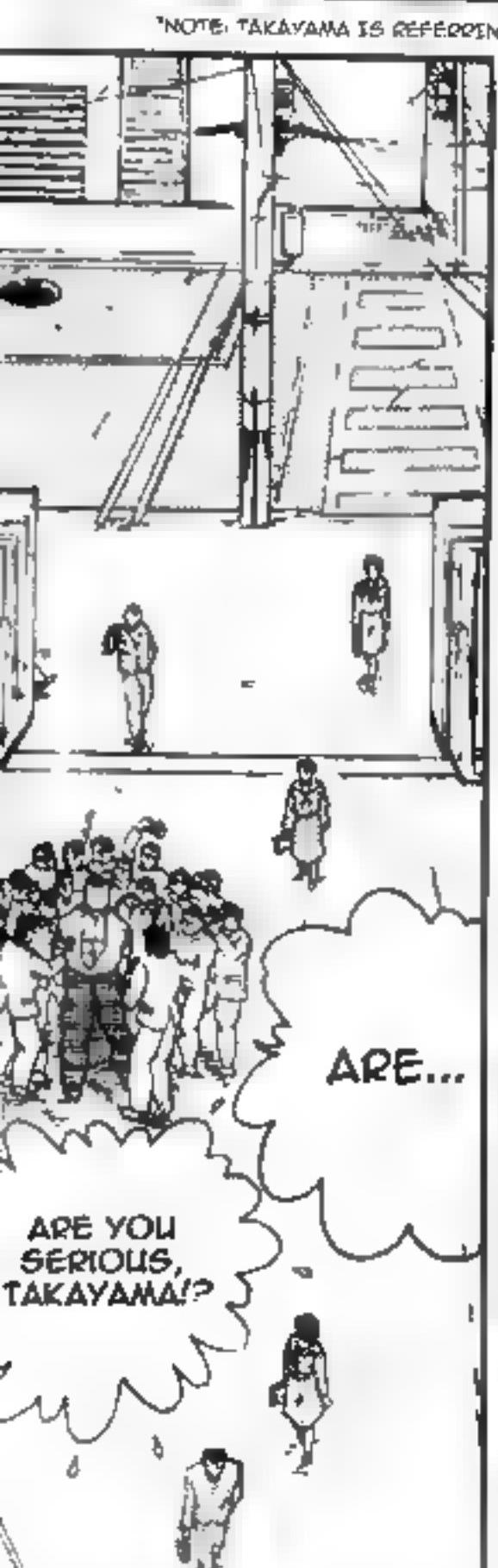






*NOTE: THE SHOT PUT IS A TRACK AND FIELD EVENT INVOLVING "PUTTING" (THROWING IN A PUSHING MOTION) A HEAVY METAL BALL THE "SHOT" AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. IT IS COMMON TO USE THE TERM "SHOT PUT" TO REFER TO BOTH THE SHOT ITSELF AND TO THE PUTTING (THROWING) ACTION.

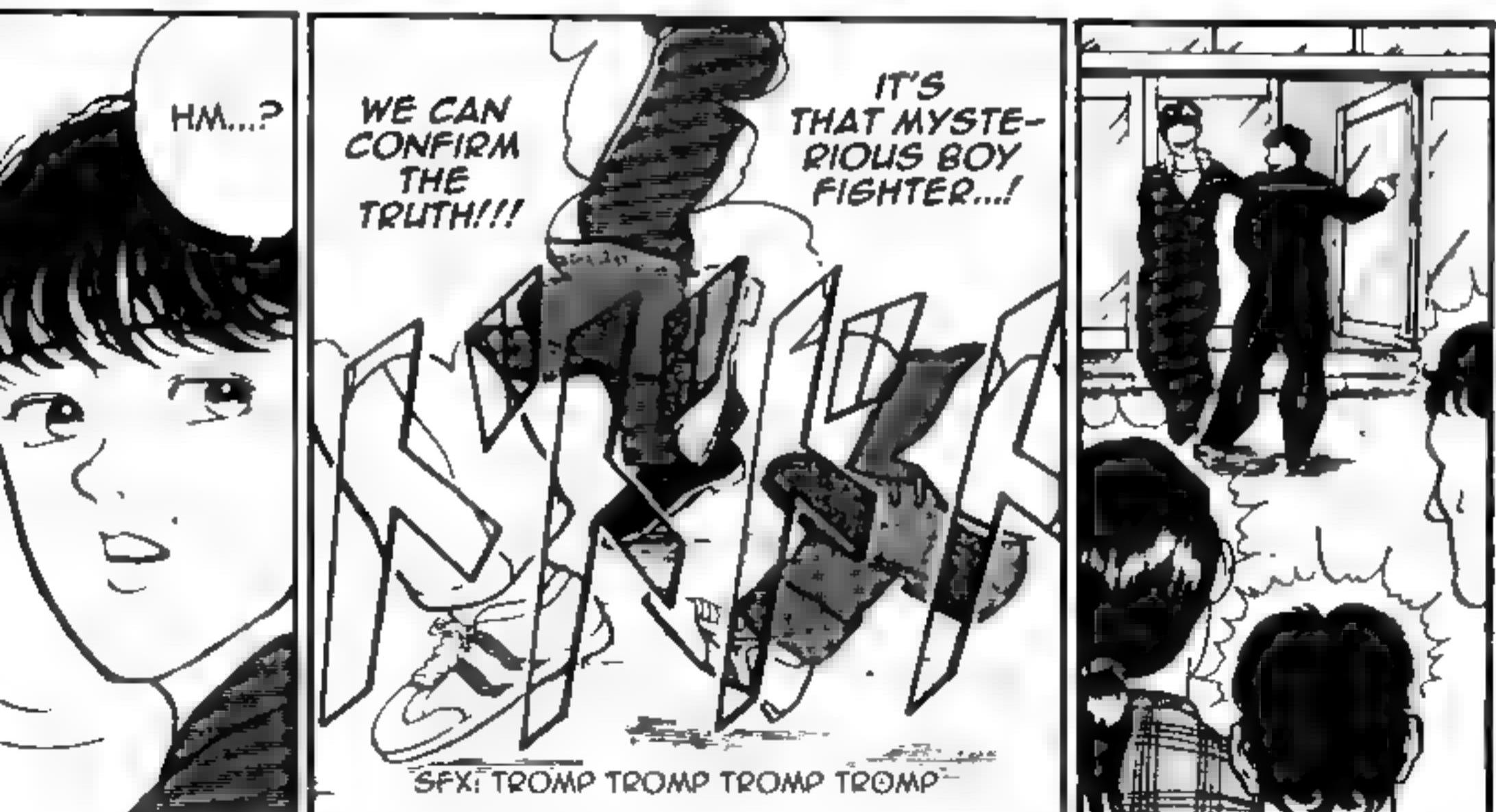




*NOTE 1: THE JAPANESE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (JOC; JAPANESE: 日本オリンピック委員会) (ROMAJI: NIPPON OLYMPIKUINKAI) IS THE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IN JAPAN FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES MOVEMENT BASED IN KYOTO, JAPAN. IT IS A NONPROFIT ORGANISATION THAT SELECTS TEAMS AND RAISES FUNDS TO SEND JAPANESE COMPETITORS TO OLYMPIC EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC).

*NOTE 2: IN REALITY NO ACTUAL TITLE BELTS ARE AWARDED AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES. TAKAYAMA IS EITHER SPEAKING METAPHORICALLY OR THE MANGA-HIMSELF HAS MADE A MISTAKE. OLYMPIC ATHLETES ARE AWARDED MEDALS FOR FIRST (GOLD), SECOND (SILVER) AND THIRD (BRONZE) PLACES.





YOU
SKIPPED
OUT ON THE
AWARDS
CEREMONY!

WE
CAUGHT
YOU,
HANMA!

A
SFX
SHOOMS

YOU
REALLY TOOK
COMPETITOR
SUEDOU'S PUNCH
STRAIGHT IN
THE FACE~!

HEY
HEY HEY!
IS THAT
WOUND ON
YOUR FACE
ALREADY
FINE!?

YOU'VE
GOTTA
SNAP!
SNAP!!

DO YOU
THINK
YOU'D BE
FINE AFTER
A PUNCH
FROM
TYSON?

SO
YOU'RE
AFFILIATED
WITH THE
KARATE CLUB
AFTERALL?

WHAT
TOUR-
NAMENT
ARE YOU
AIMING
FOR
NEXT?







SFX:
FOOSH!

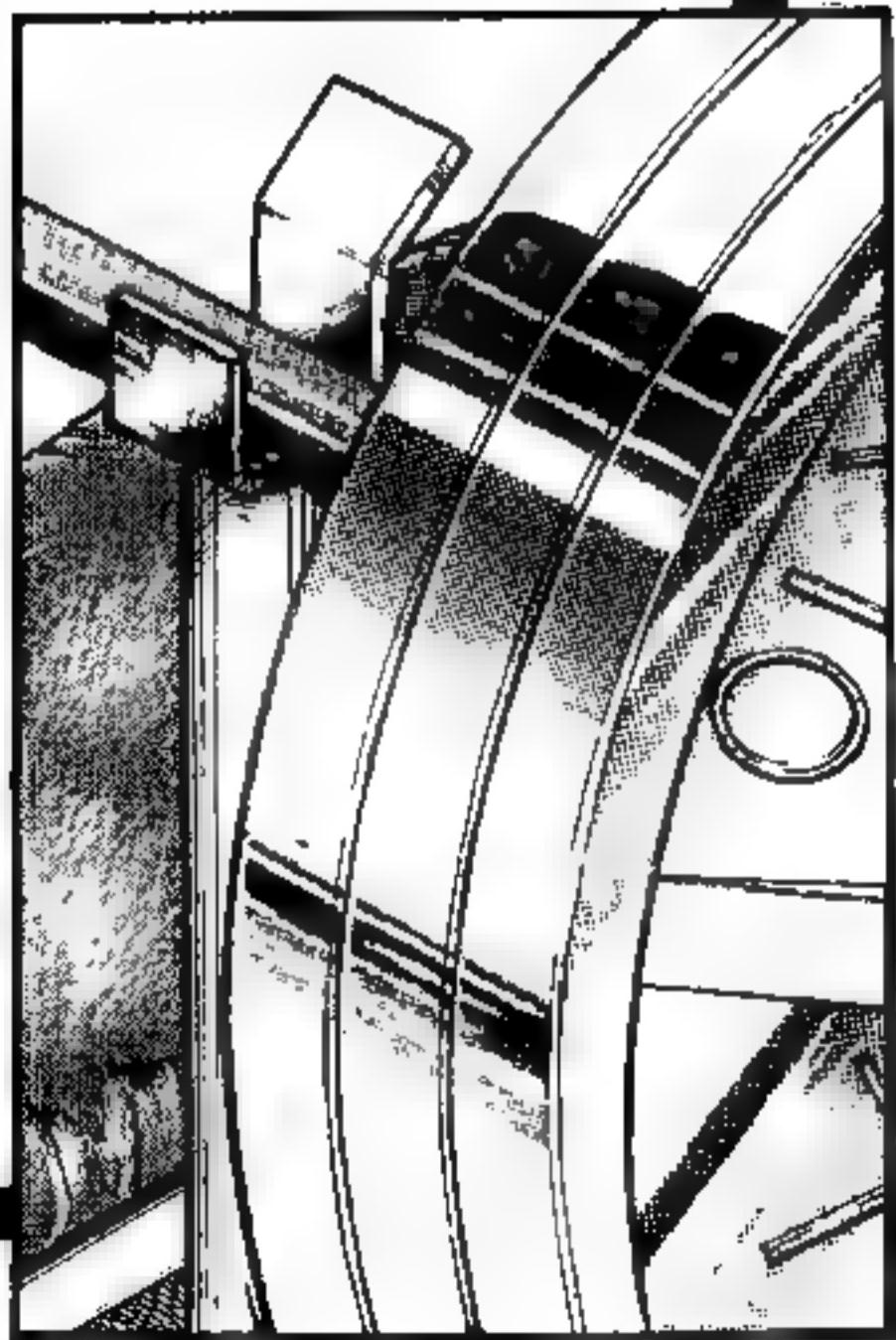
SEX: CRASH!



BUT I
WONDER
HOW YOUR
KICK WOULD
HOLD UP IN
COMPARISON...
BAKI.

SORRY THAT A
HEAVYWEIGHT
BOXER'S PUNCH
ISN'T ON THE
LEVEL OF A
SHOT PUT,
BUT...





Chapter 14

Baki, Mad!!





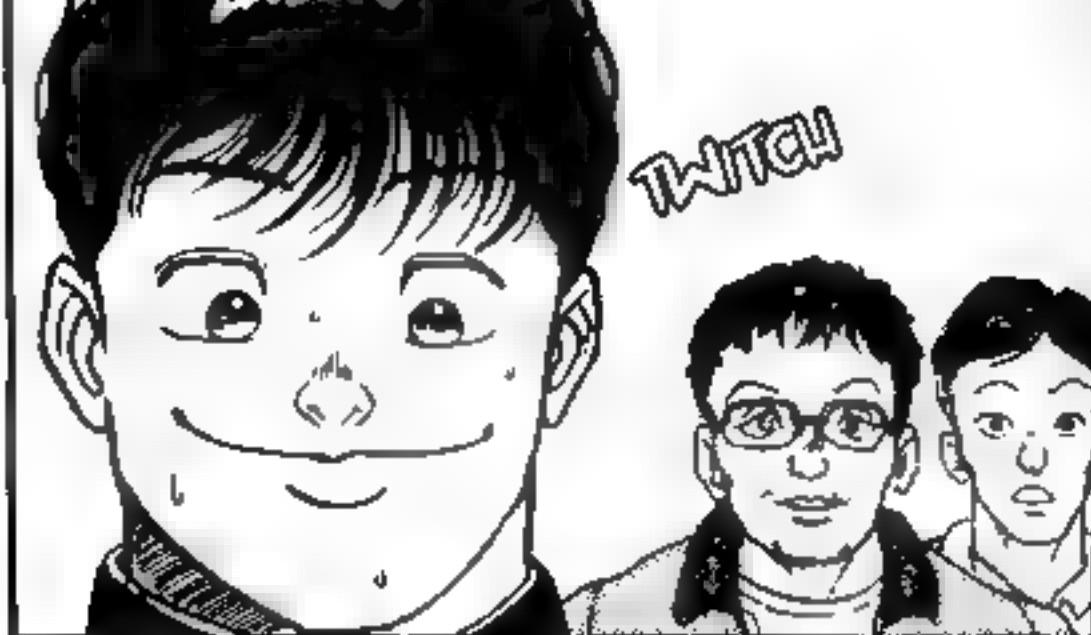
TRYING SO DESPERATELY TO CONCEAL THAT YOU'RE A TOP ATHLETE.

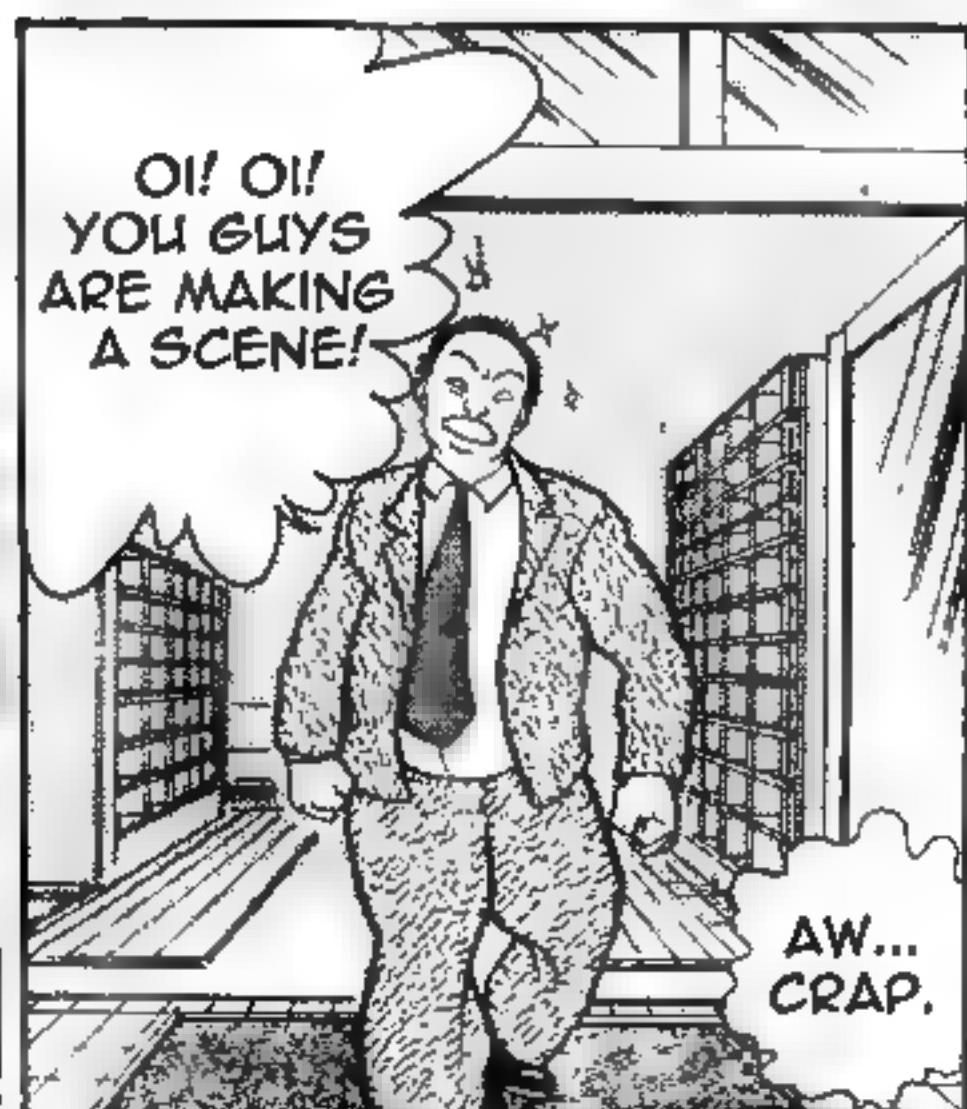
I
STILL TRYING TO FOOL US WITH THAT ACT...

OR MAYBE YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT?

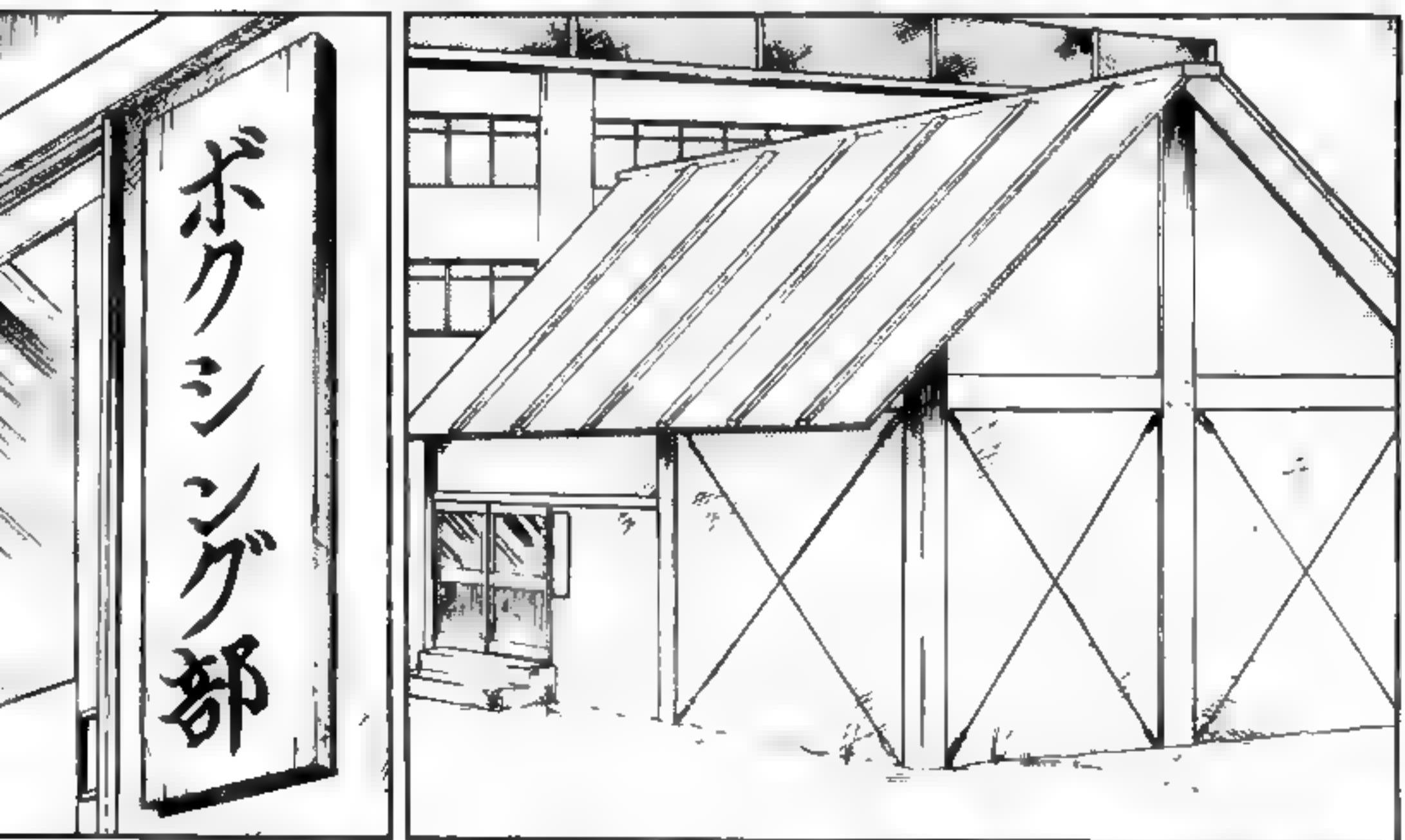
YOU'RE JUST LOOKING DOWN ON US.

MAN... HAVE I BEEN FOUND OUT?

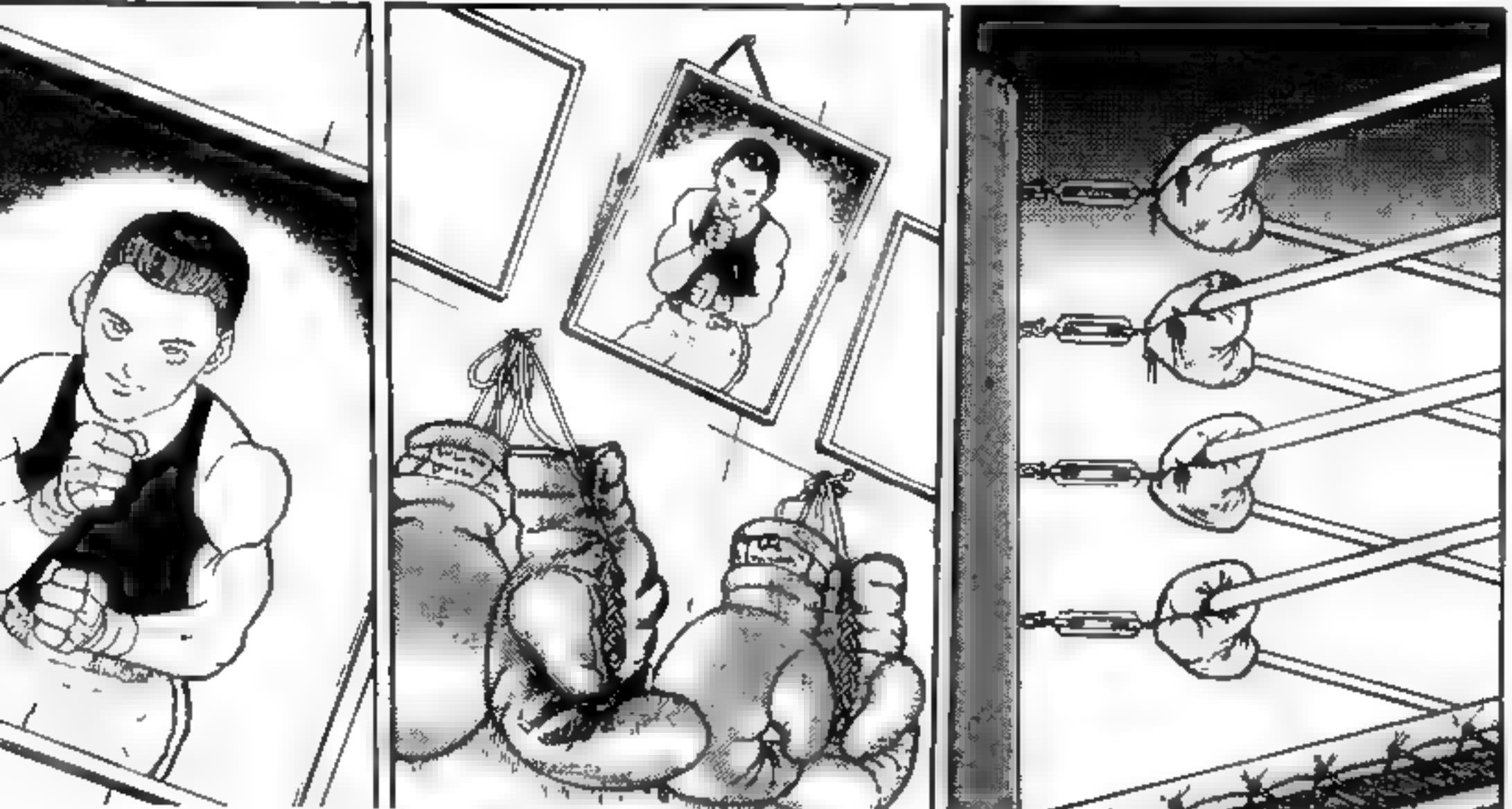


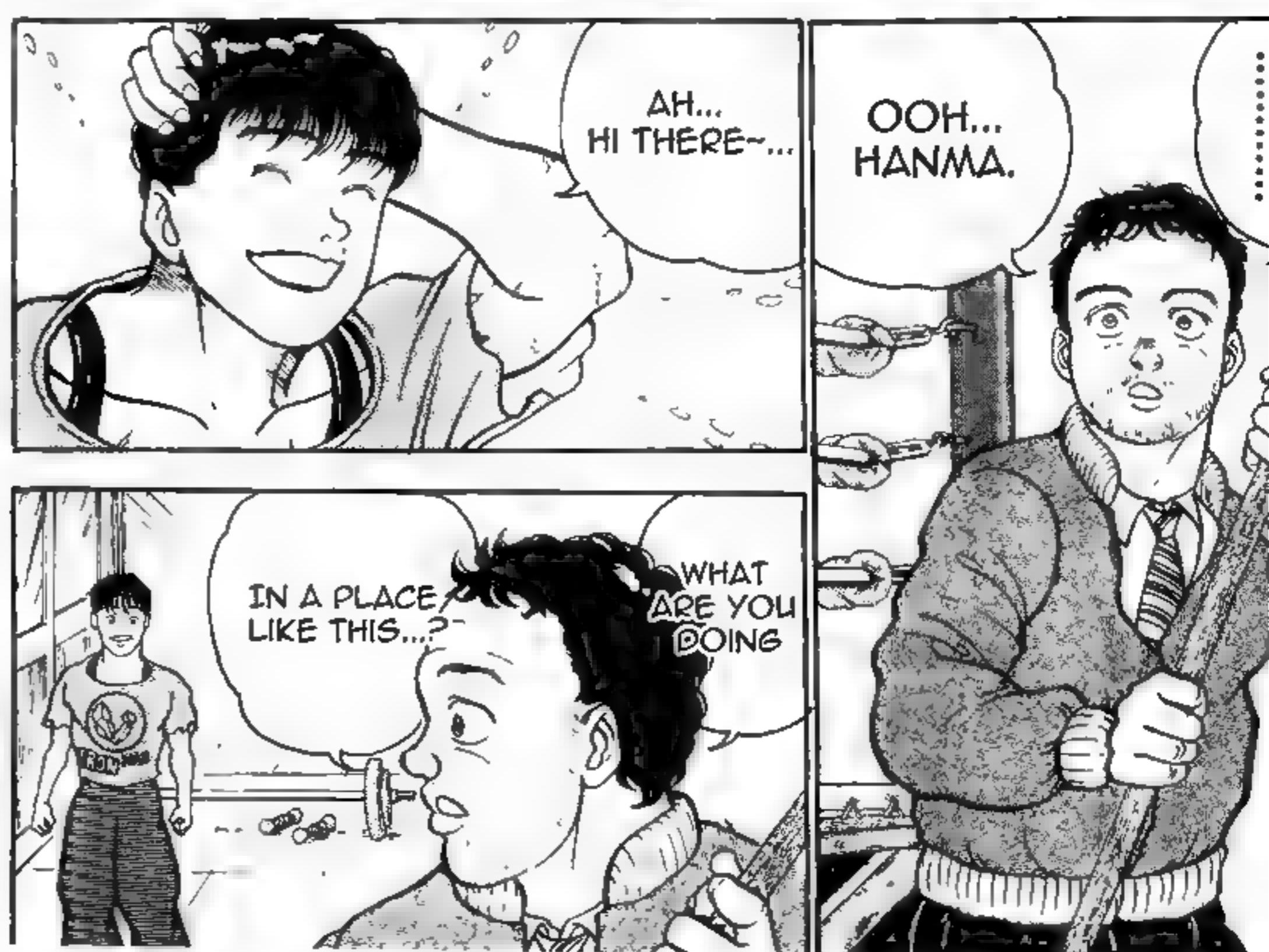


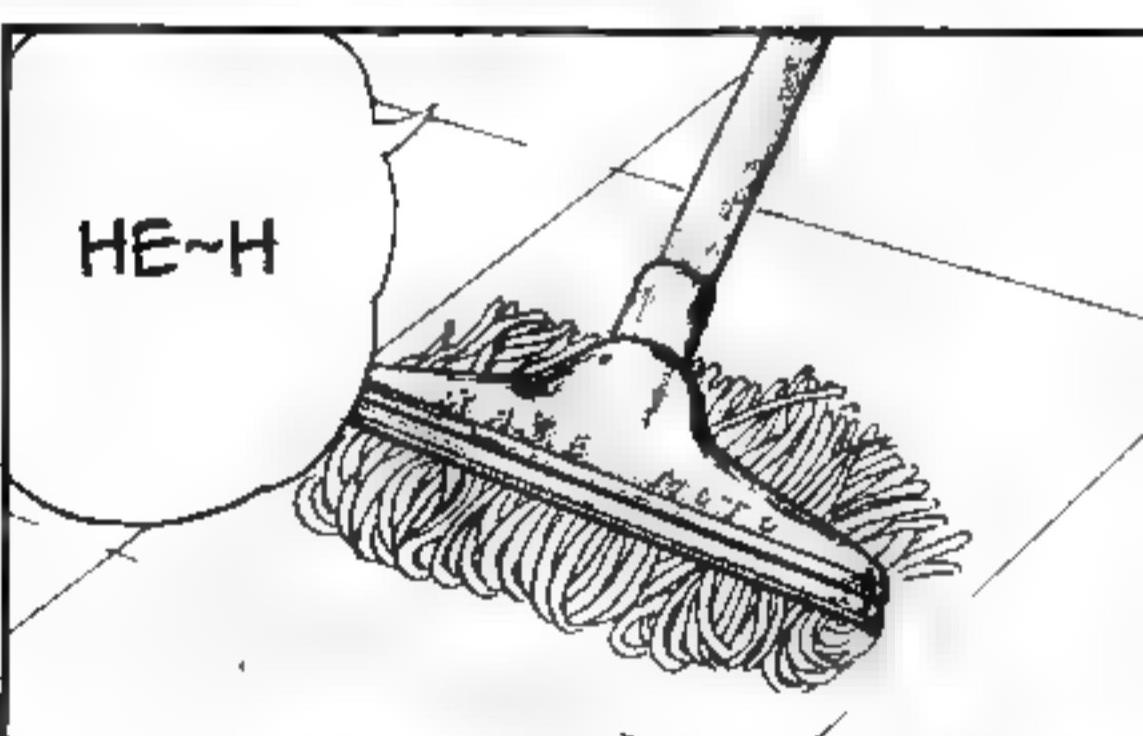
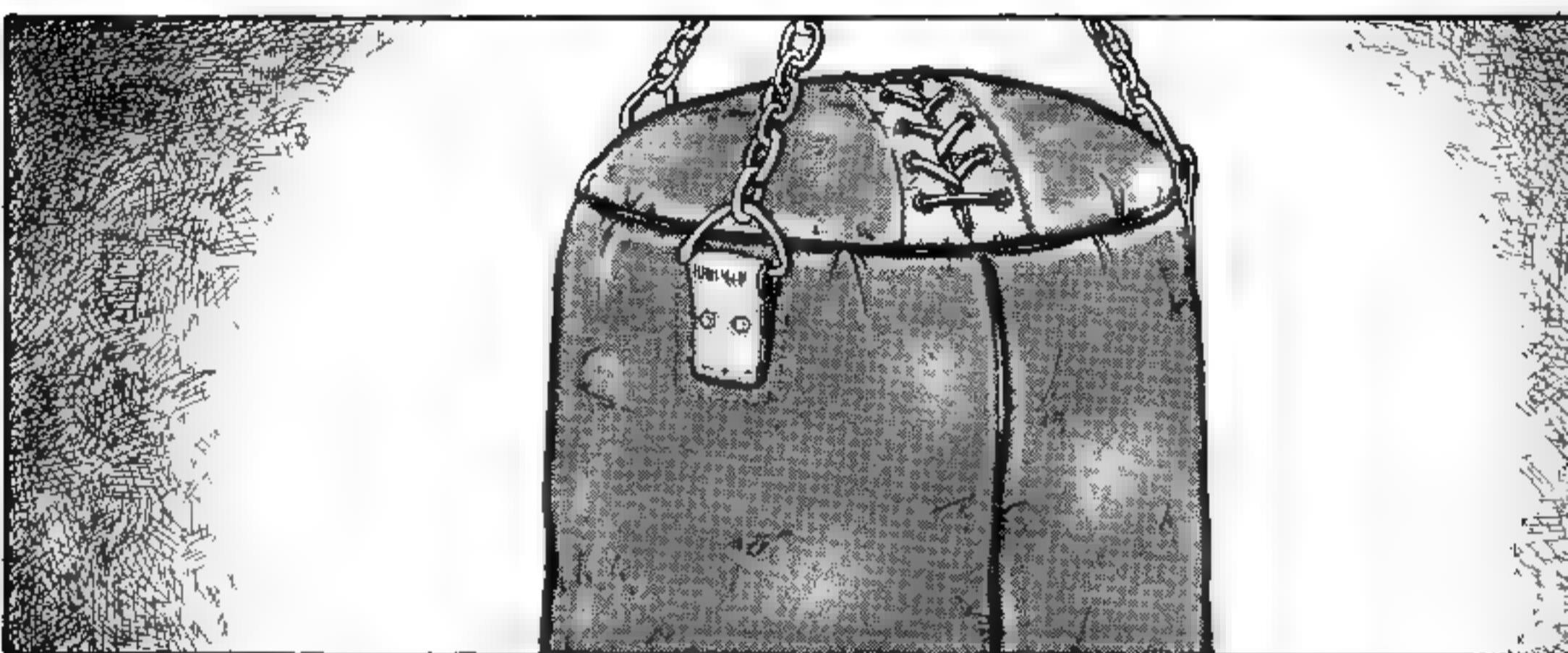




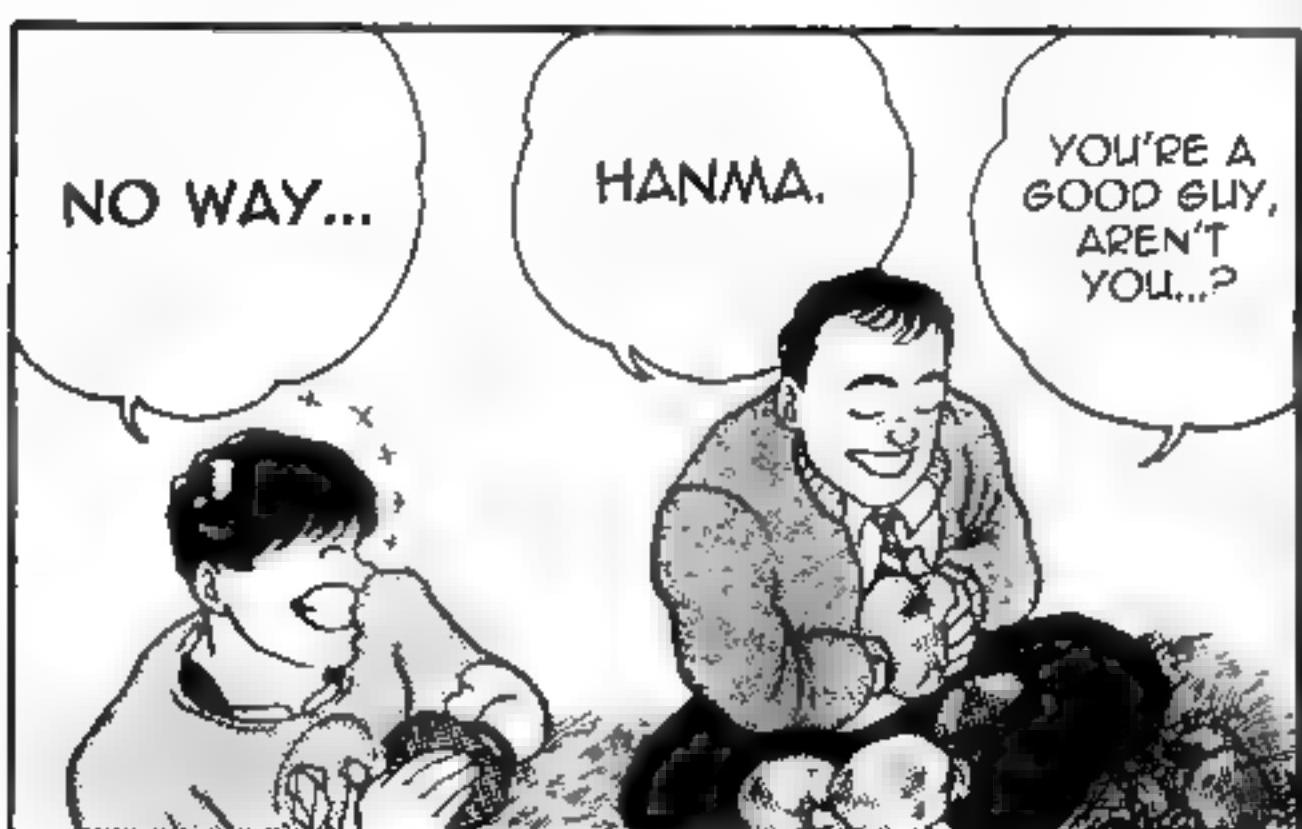
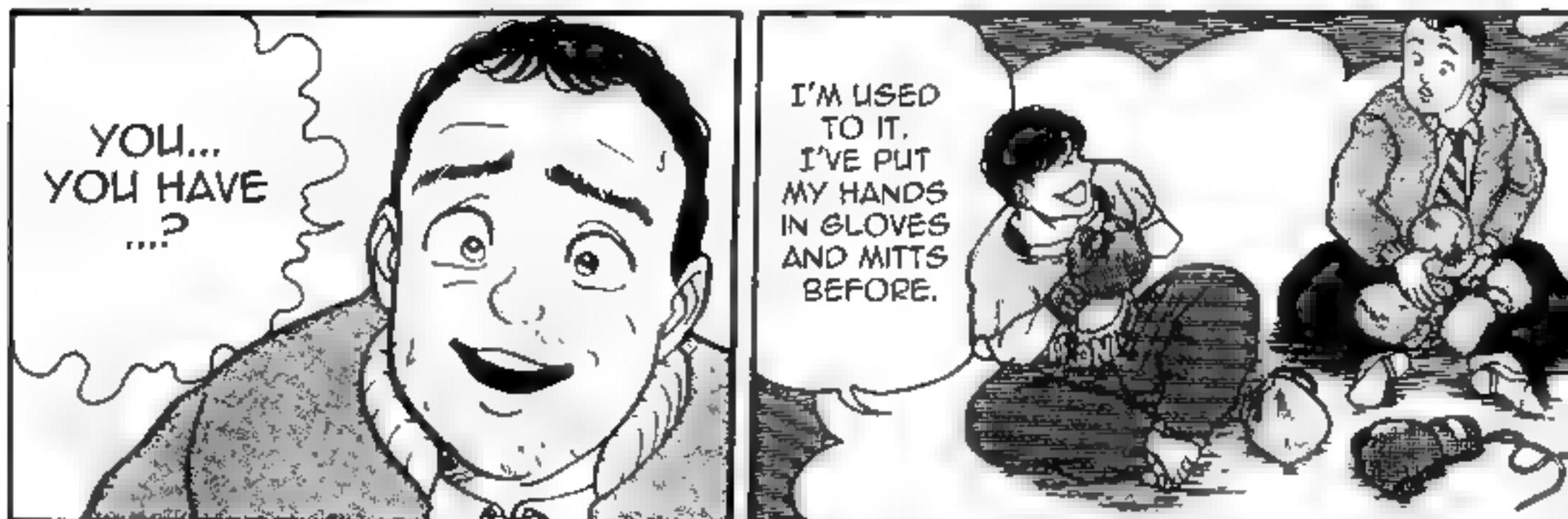
SIGN: BOXING CLUB

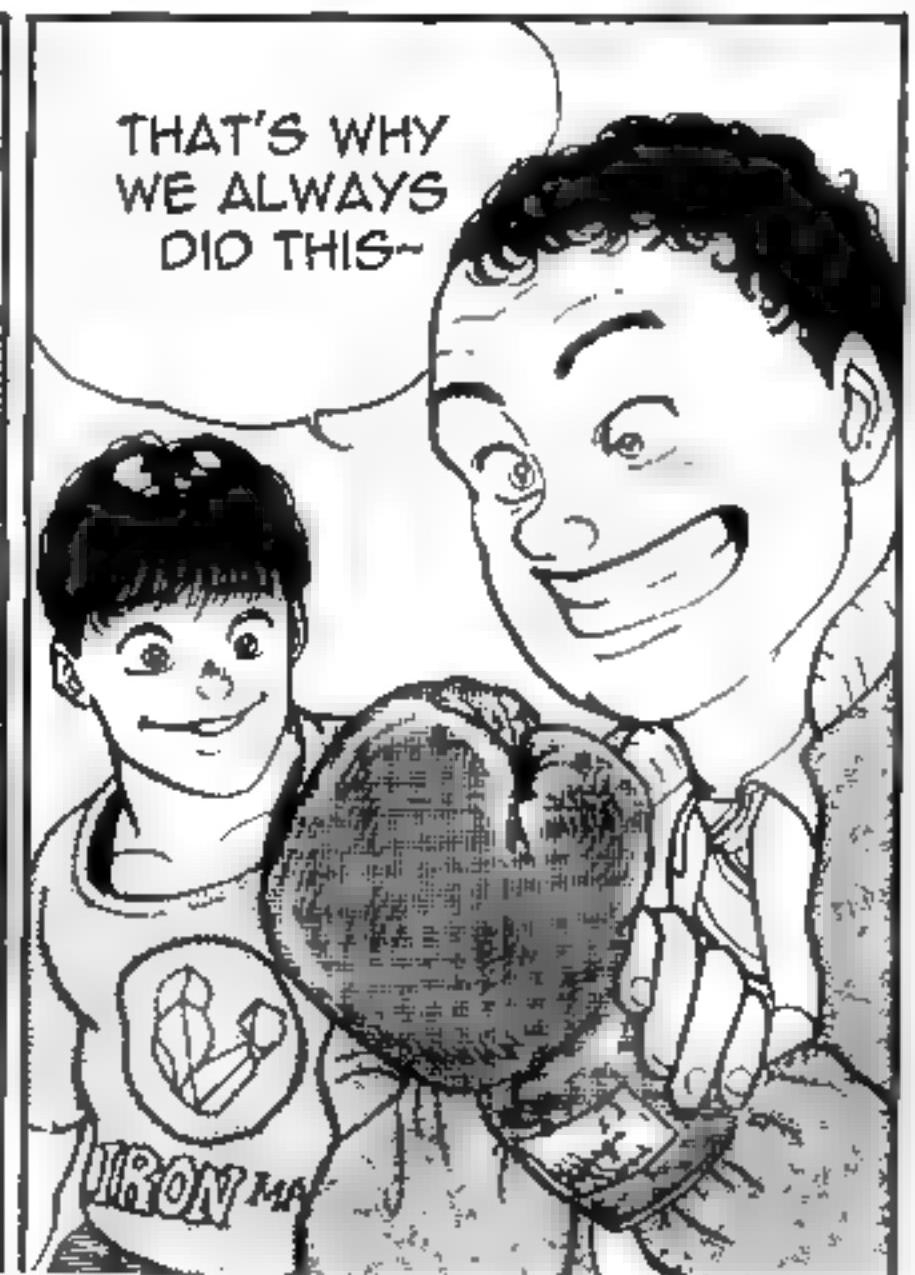
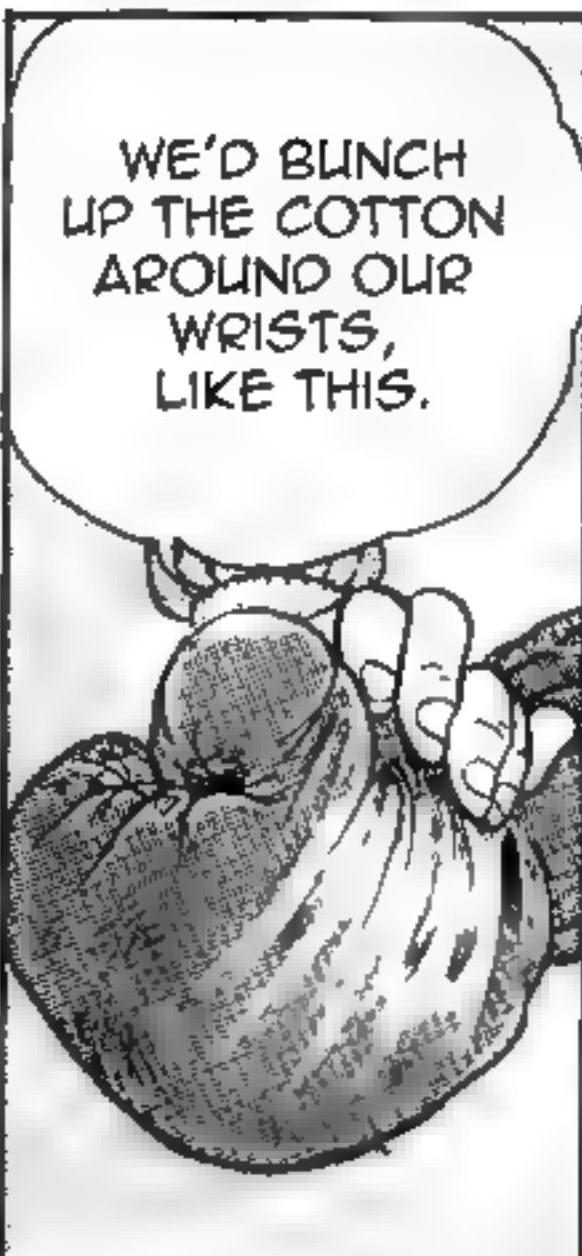
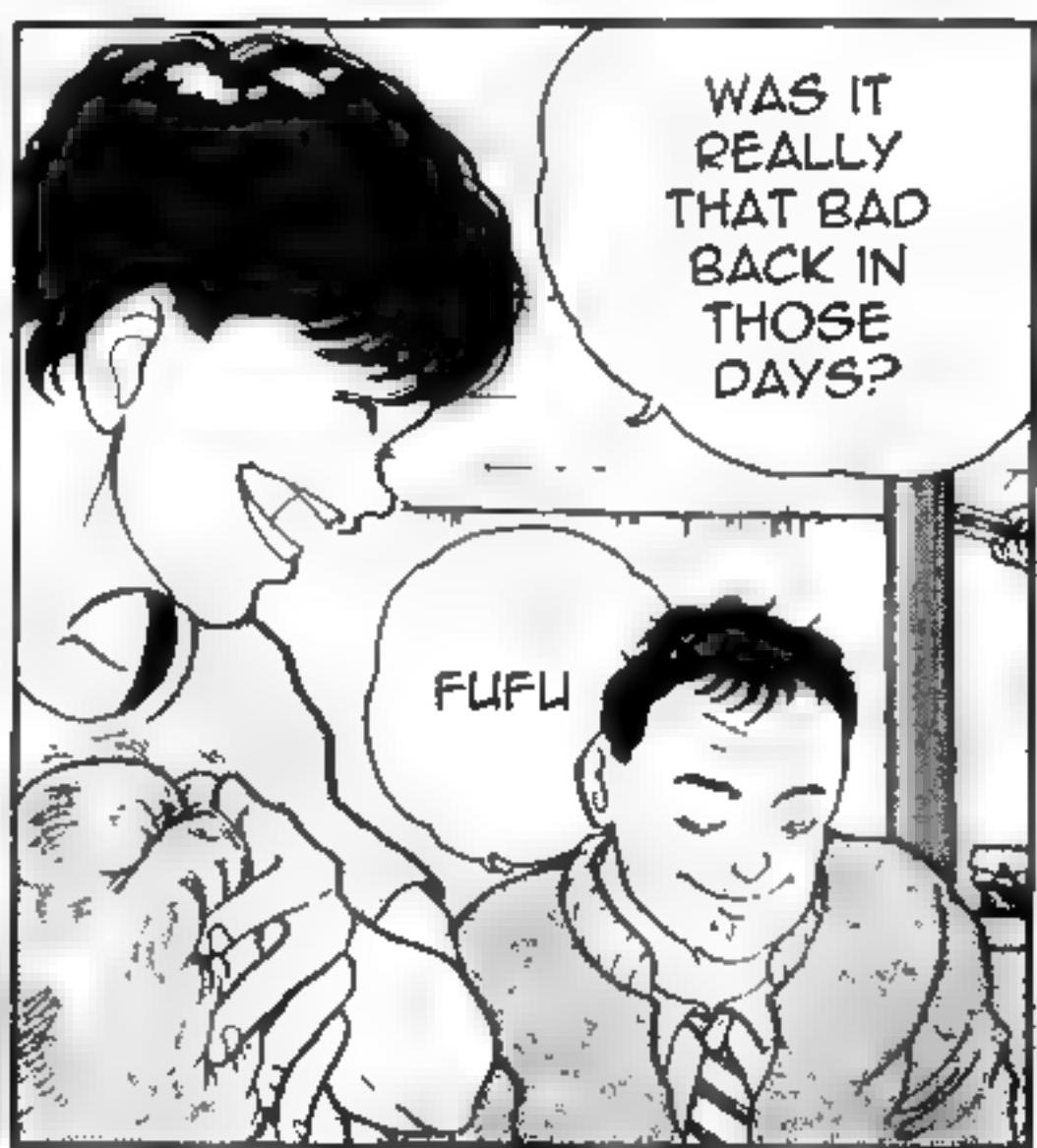
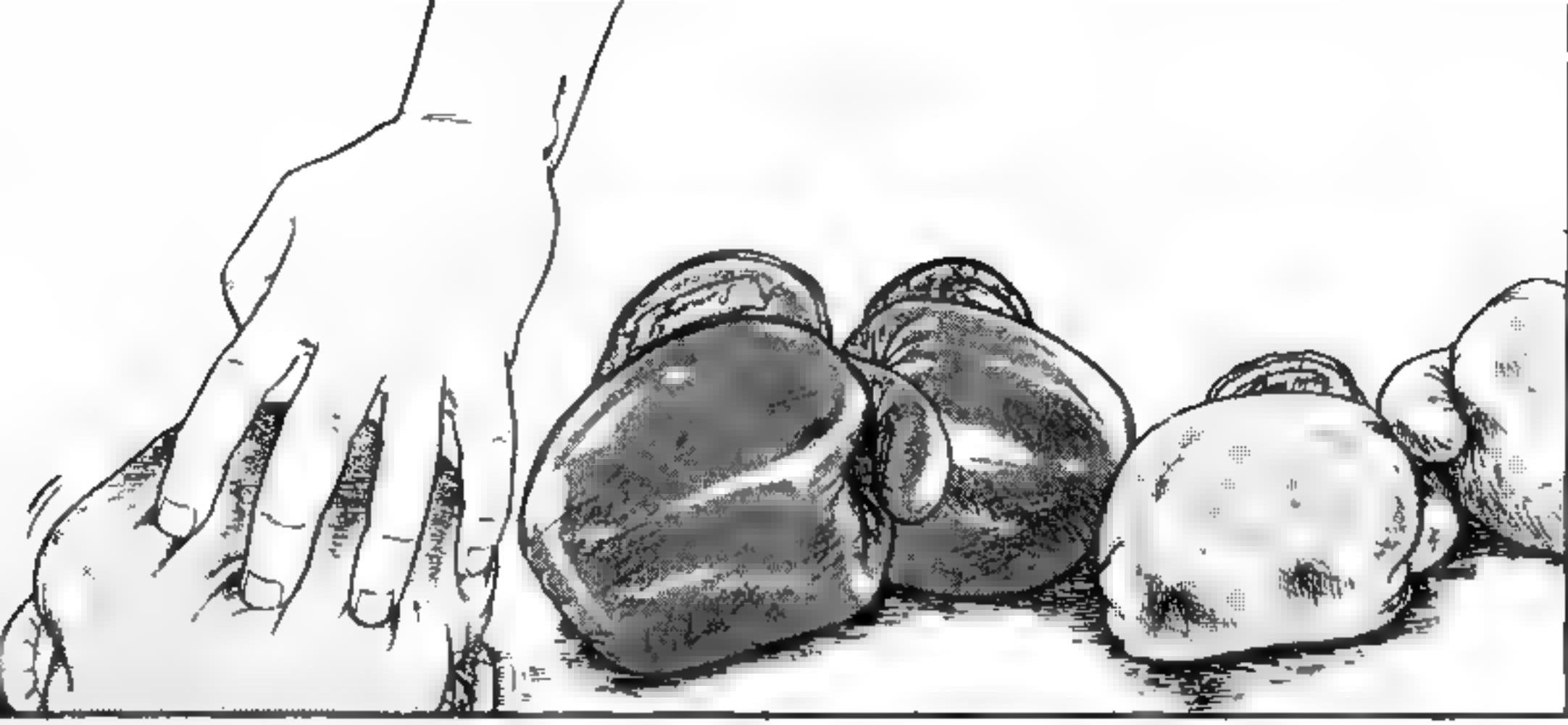
















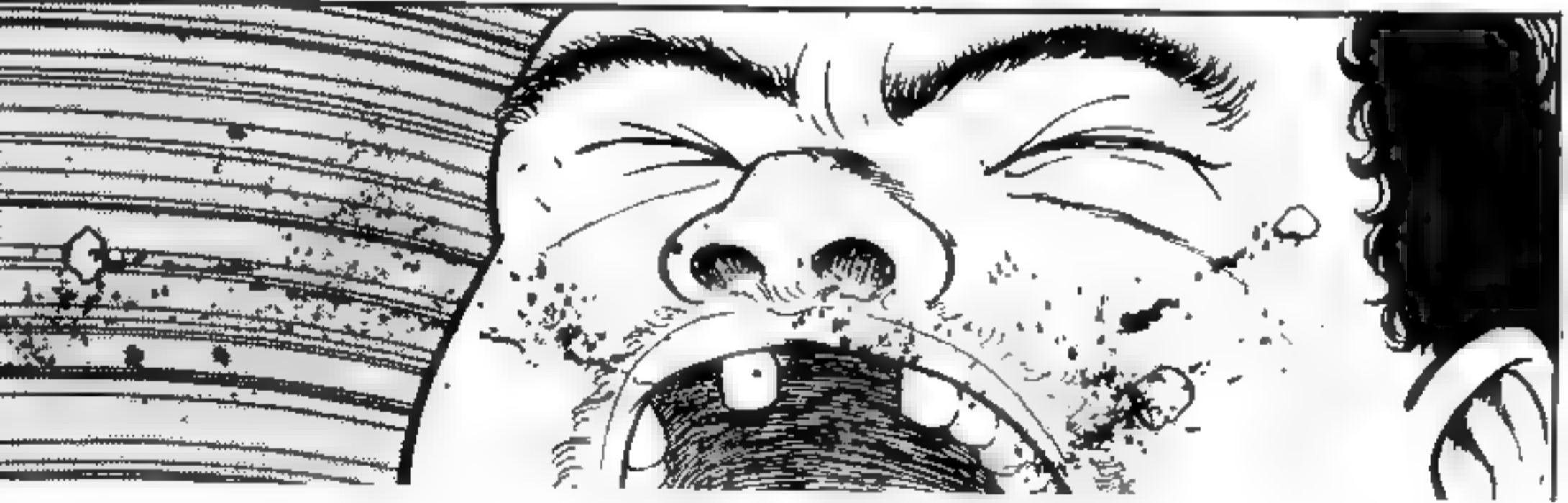
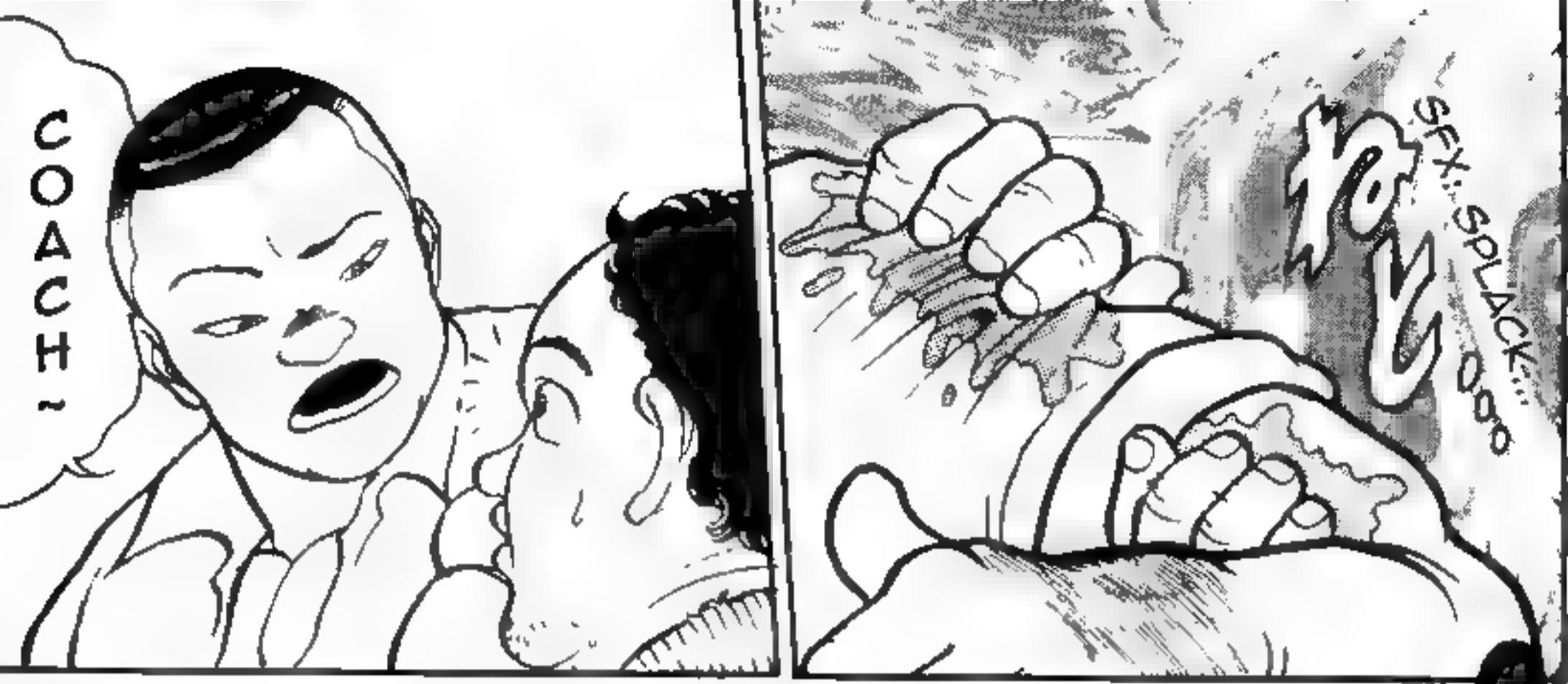
JU-ST
SOME LIGHT
SPARRING
COACH.

SFX BOBOOM!
S...
SPAR...?

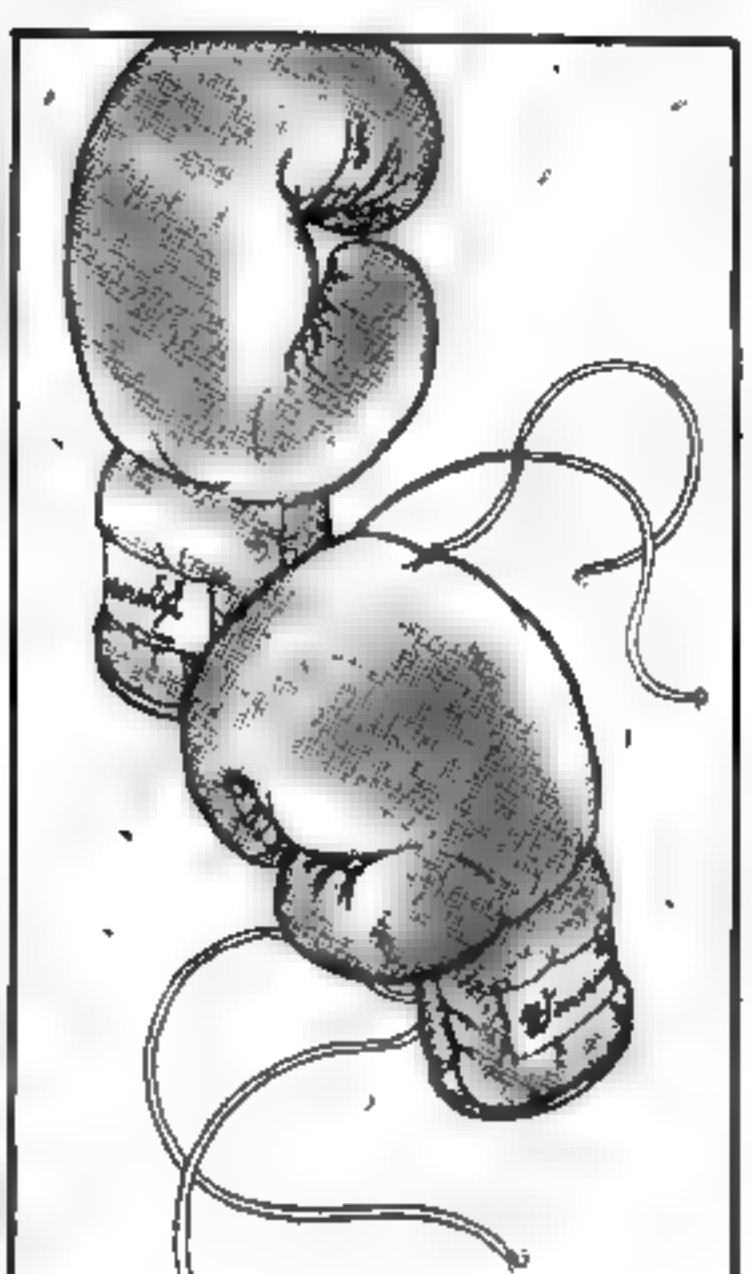
WHAT ARE
YOU PLANNING
TO DO WITH
SOME AMATEUR
OPPONENT?

NO
WAY!









DON'T
CALL THIS
SPARRING!

TAKAYAMA!

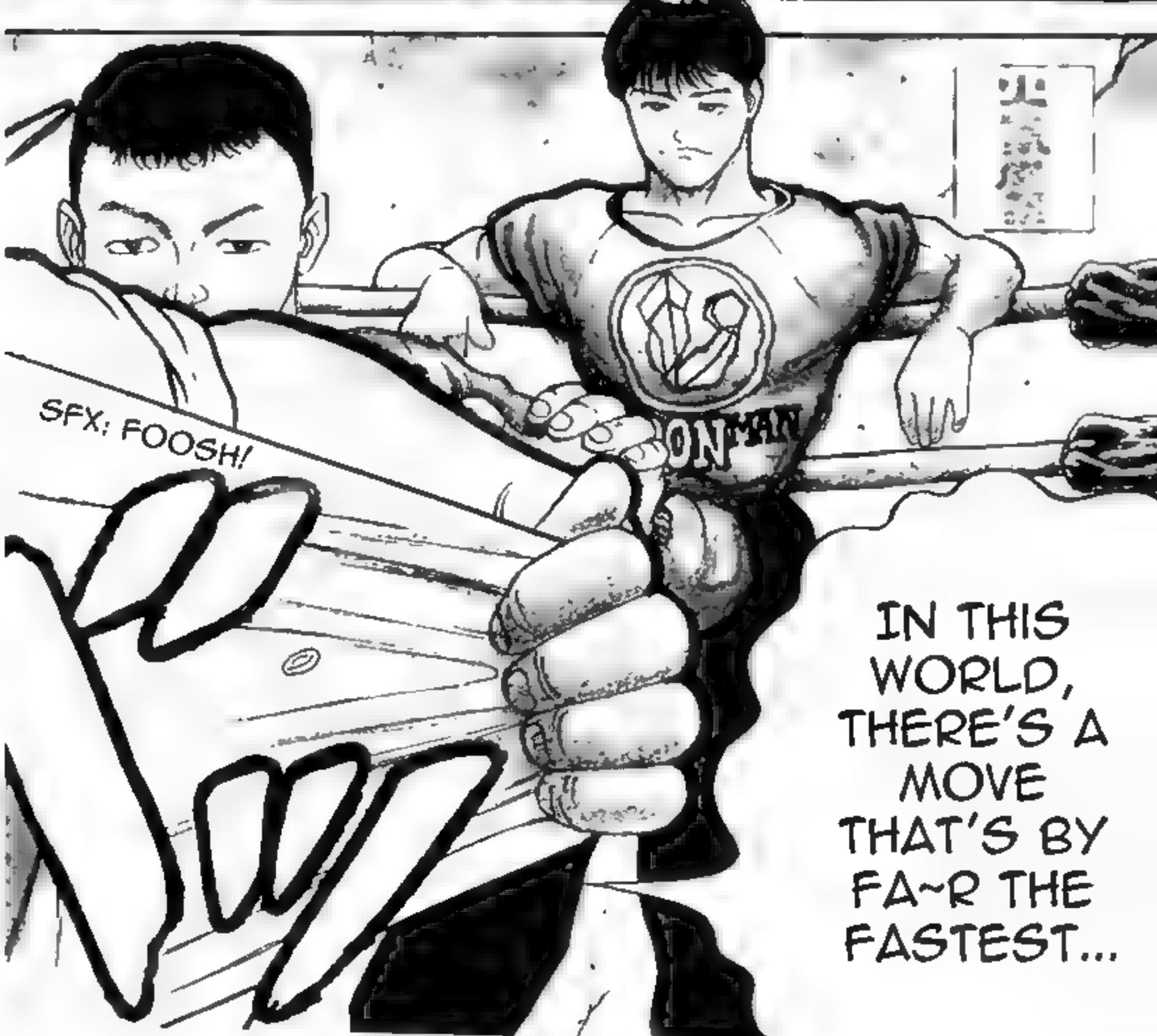
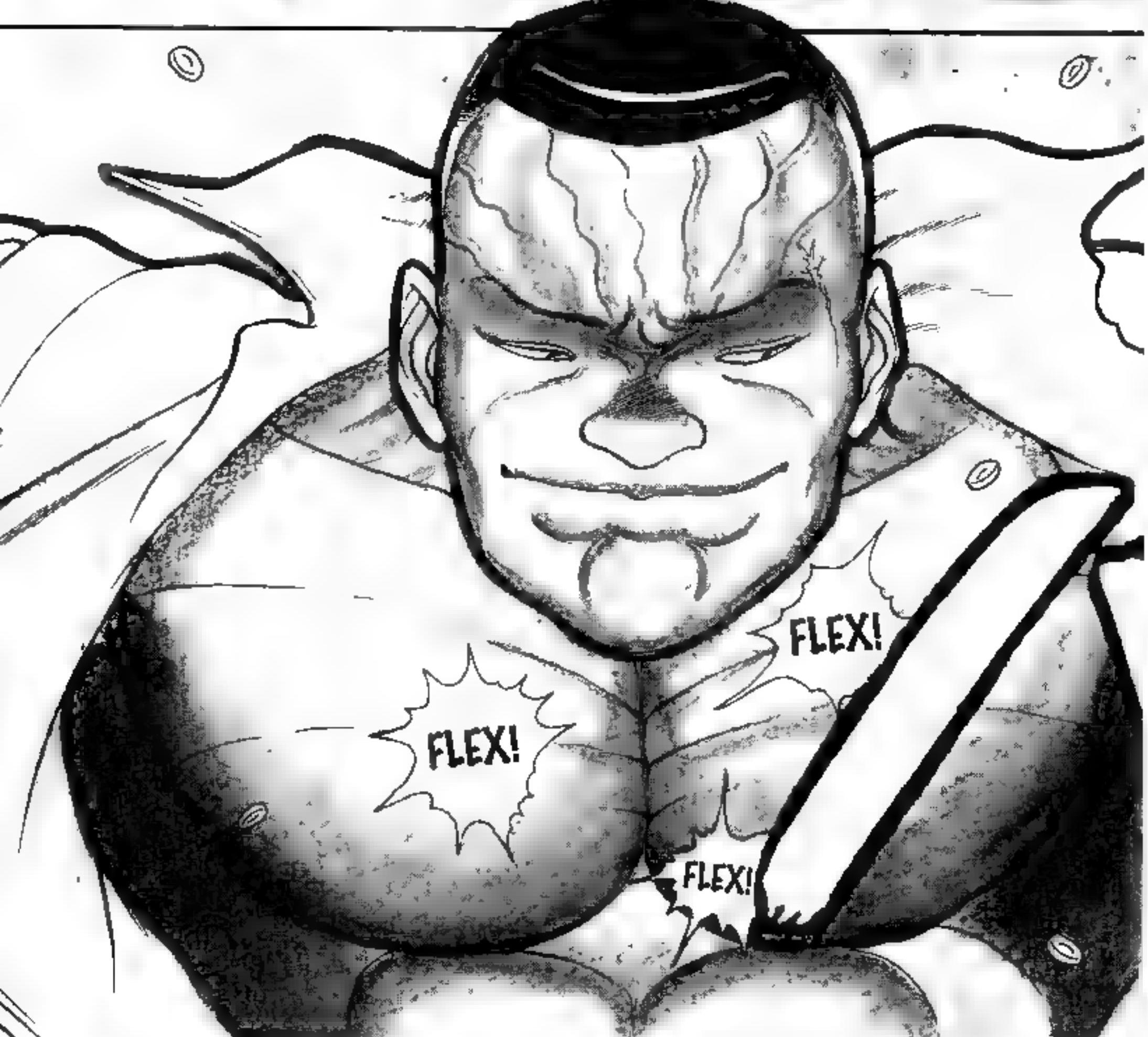
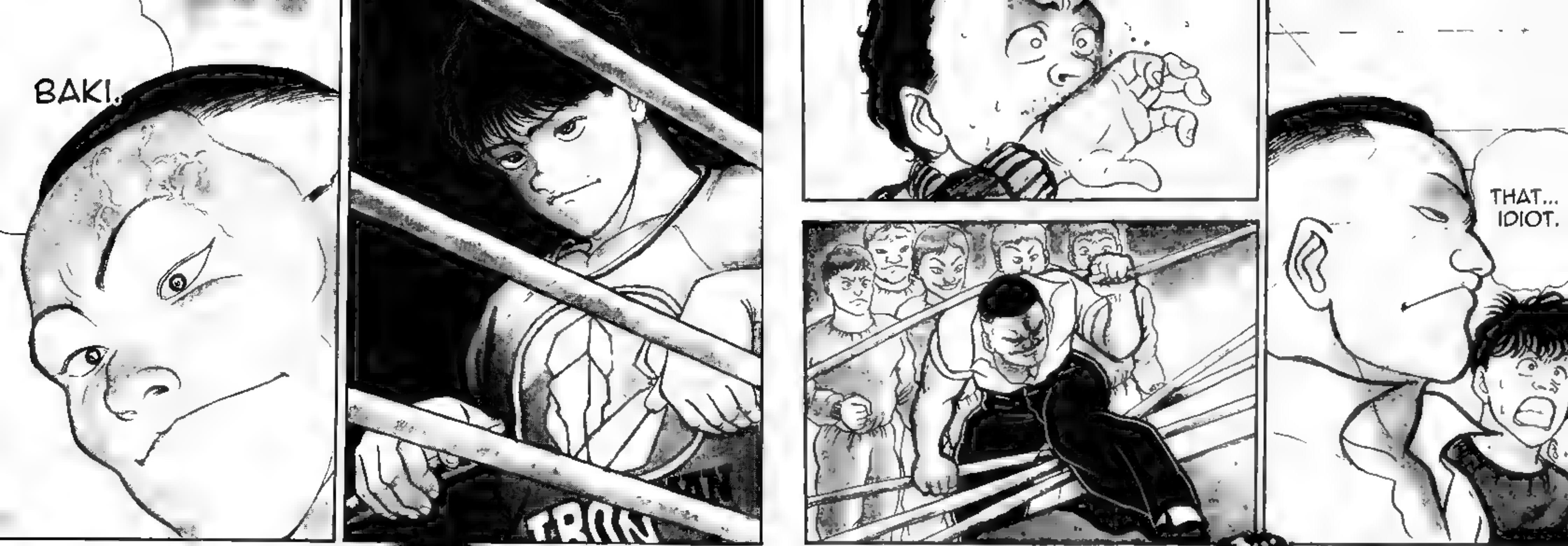
IT'S A
SERIOUS
MATCH,
ISN'T IT?
SERIOUS!

IRON MAN

NO MATTER
WHAT YOU'RE
PLANNING,
I'M
TAKING THIS
SERIOUSLY!!

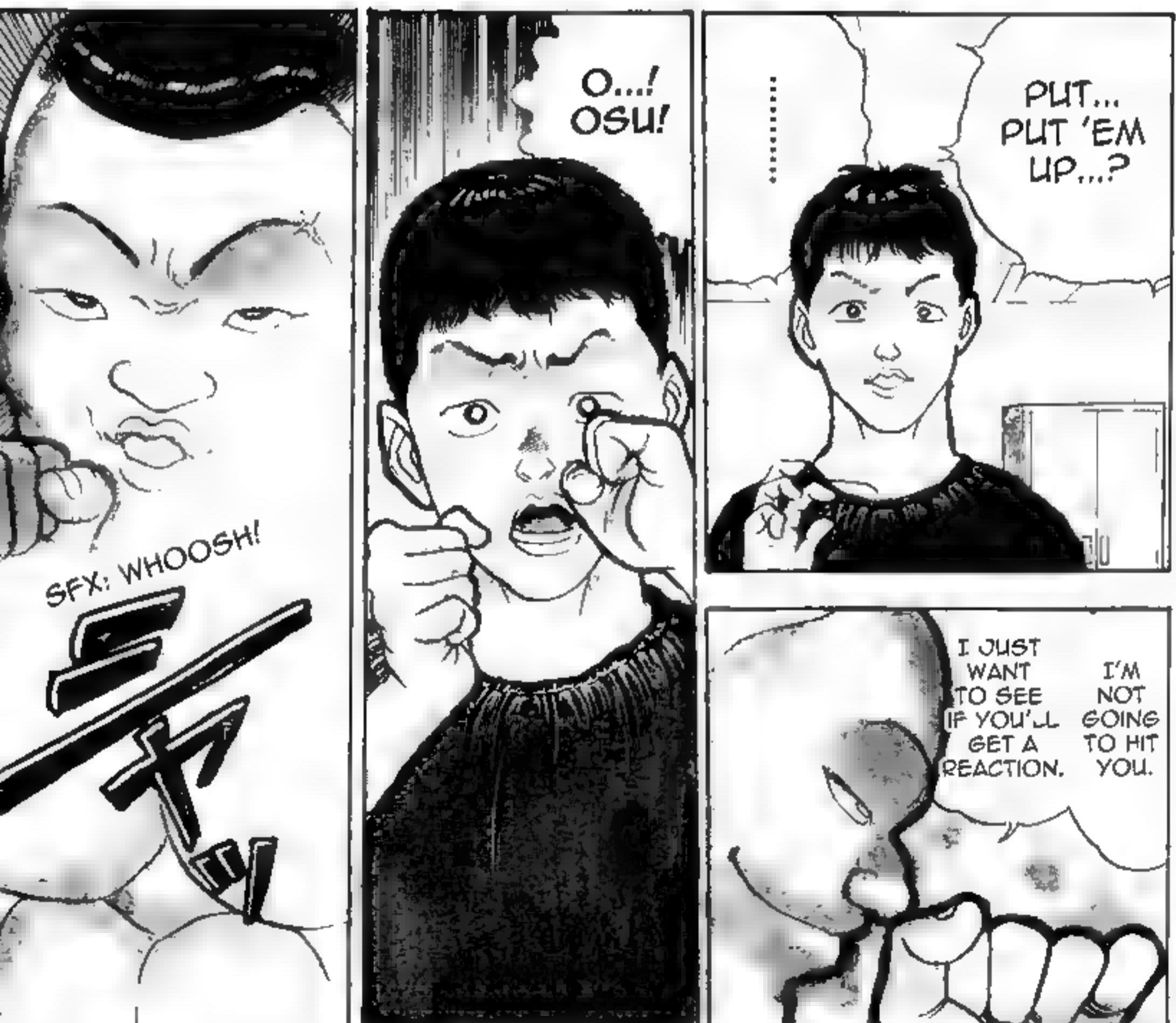
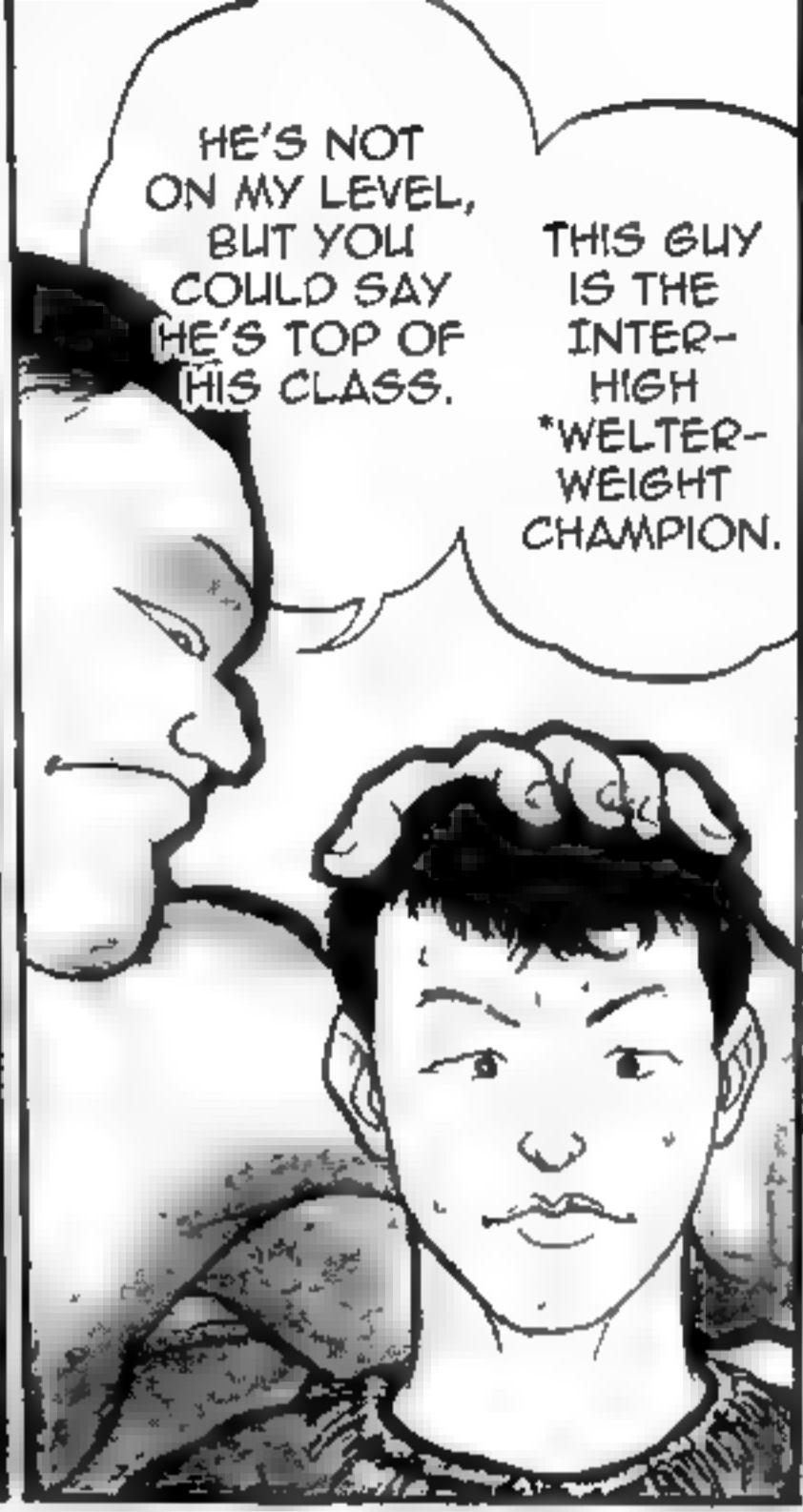
Chapter 15 Clash,

Baki vs.
Takayama!!!





I WONDER
IF YOU KNOW
WHAT I MEAN
BY "FASTEST
MOVE."

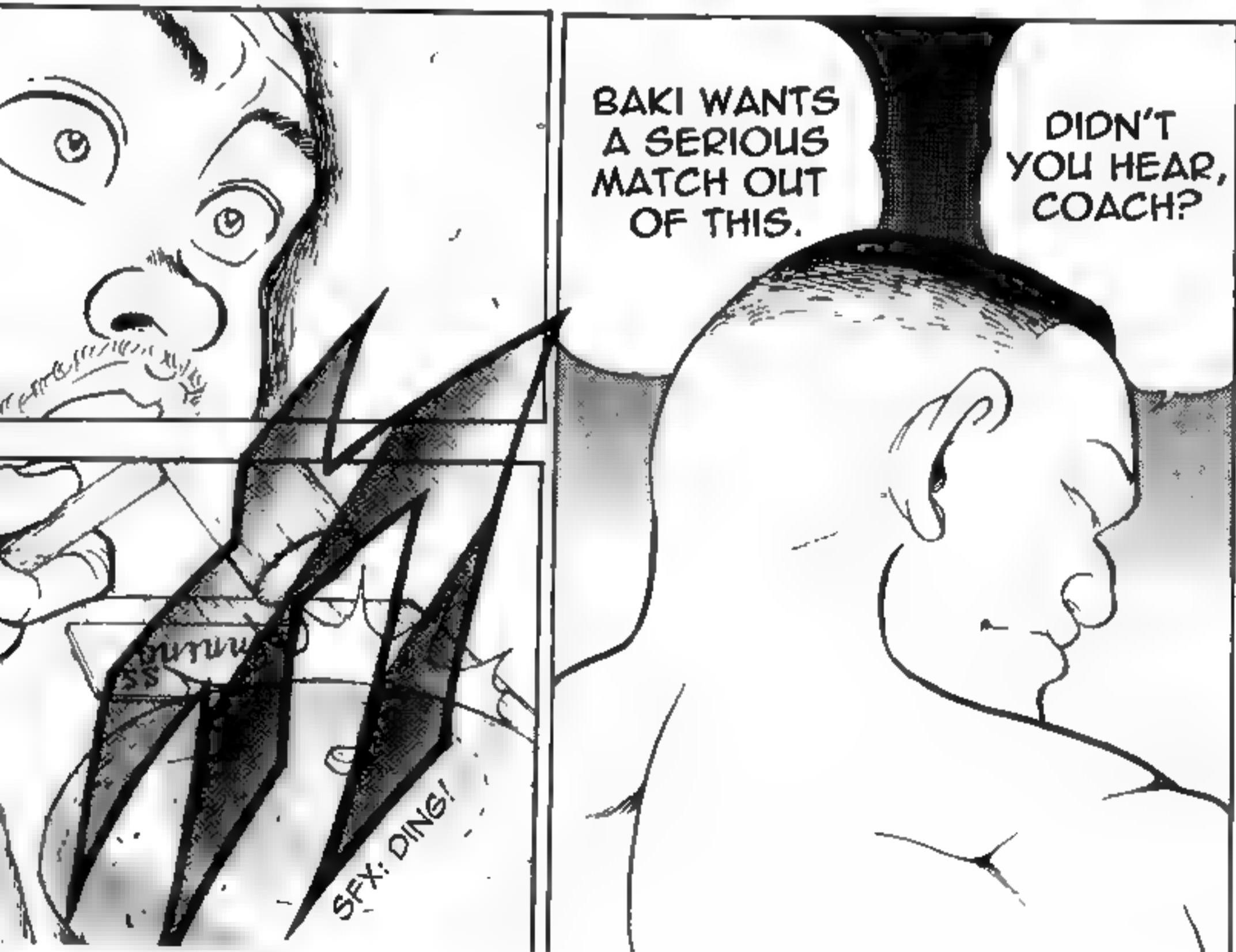


*NOTE: IN PROFESSIONAL BOXING A WELTERWEIGHT BOXER WEIGHS IN GREATER THAN 140 POUNDS (63.5 KGS), BUT NOT GREATER THAN 147 POUNDS (66.7 KGS). IN COMPARISON TAKAYAMA BELONGS TO HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS FIGHTERS WHO WEIGH OVER 200 POUNDS (14 ST 4 LB/61 KG) ARE CONSIDERED HEAVYWEIGHTS BY THE MAJOR PROFESSIONAL BOXING ORGANIZATIONS











COACH: STOOOOOP!



SURPASSES
THE LIMITS
OF HUMAN
REFLEXES!!

HITTING
UNARMED
WITH MY
LEFT JAB

SFX:
BASH!

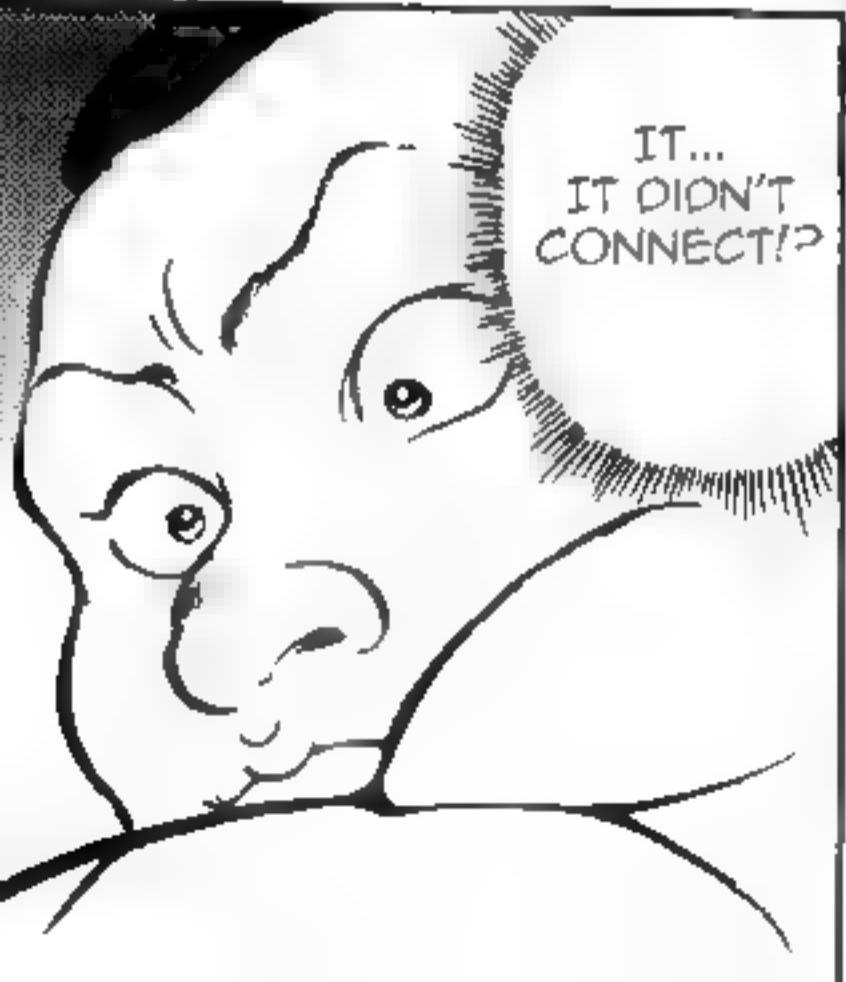
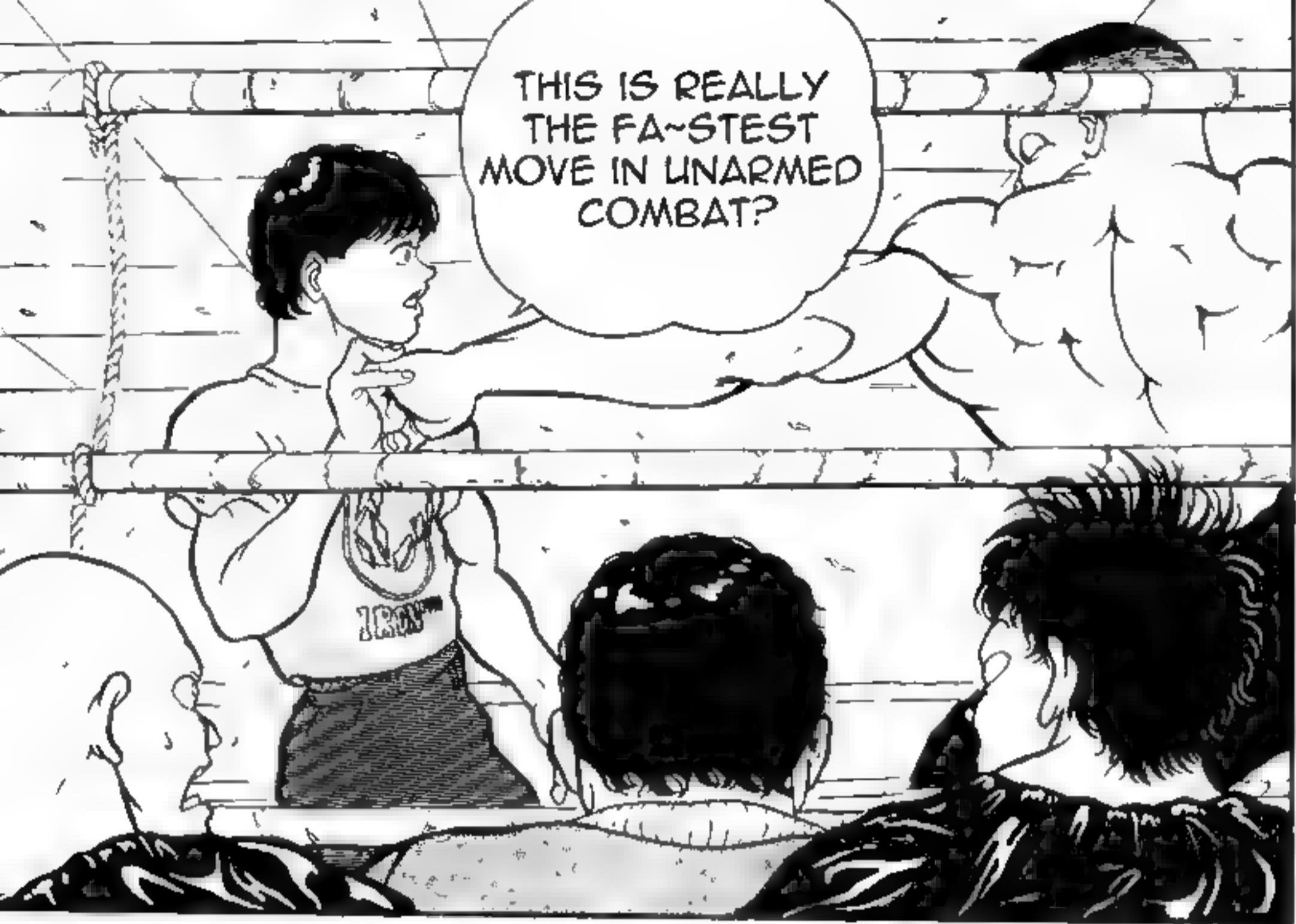


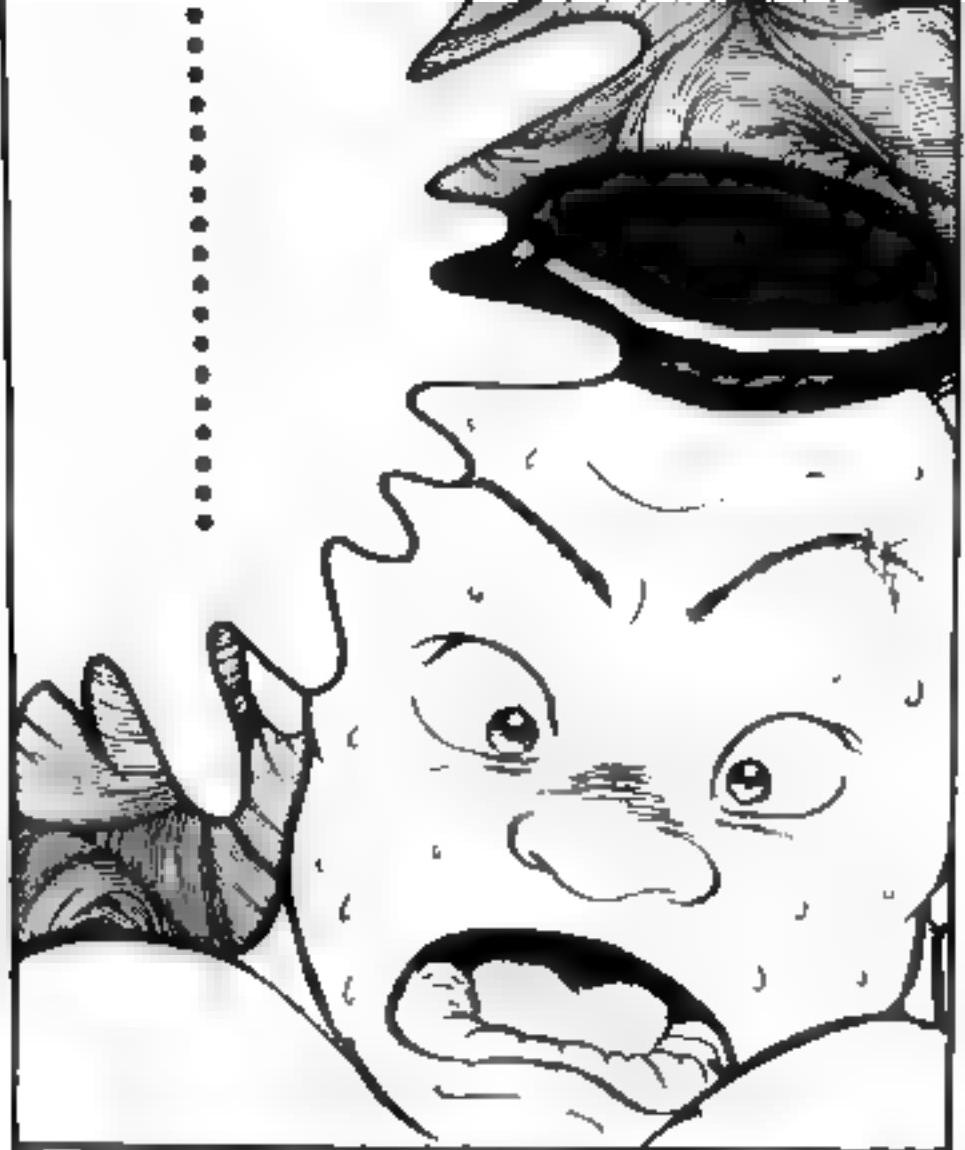
IRON MAN





THIS IS REALLY
THE FA~STEST
MOVE IN UNARMED
COMBAT?





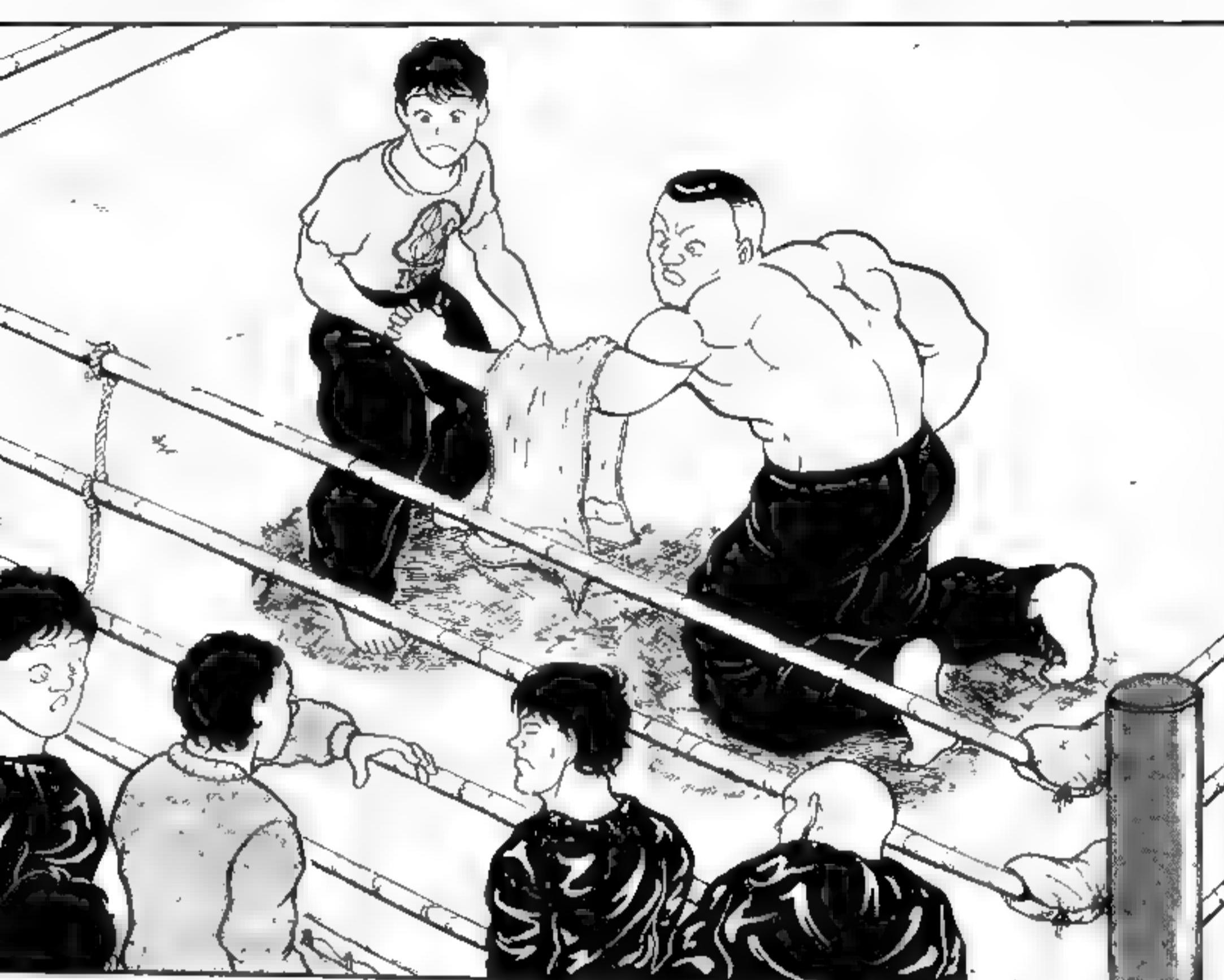


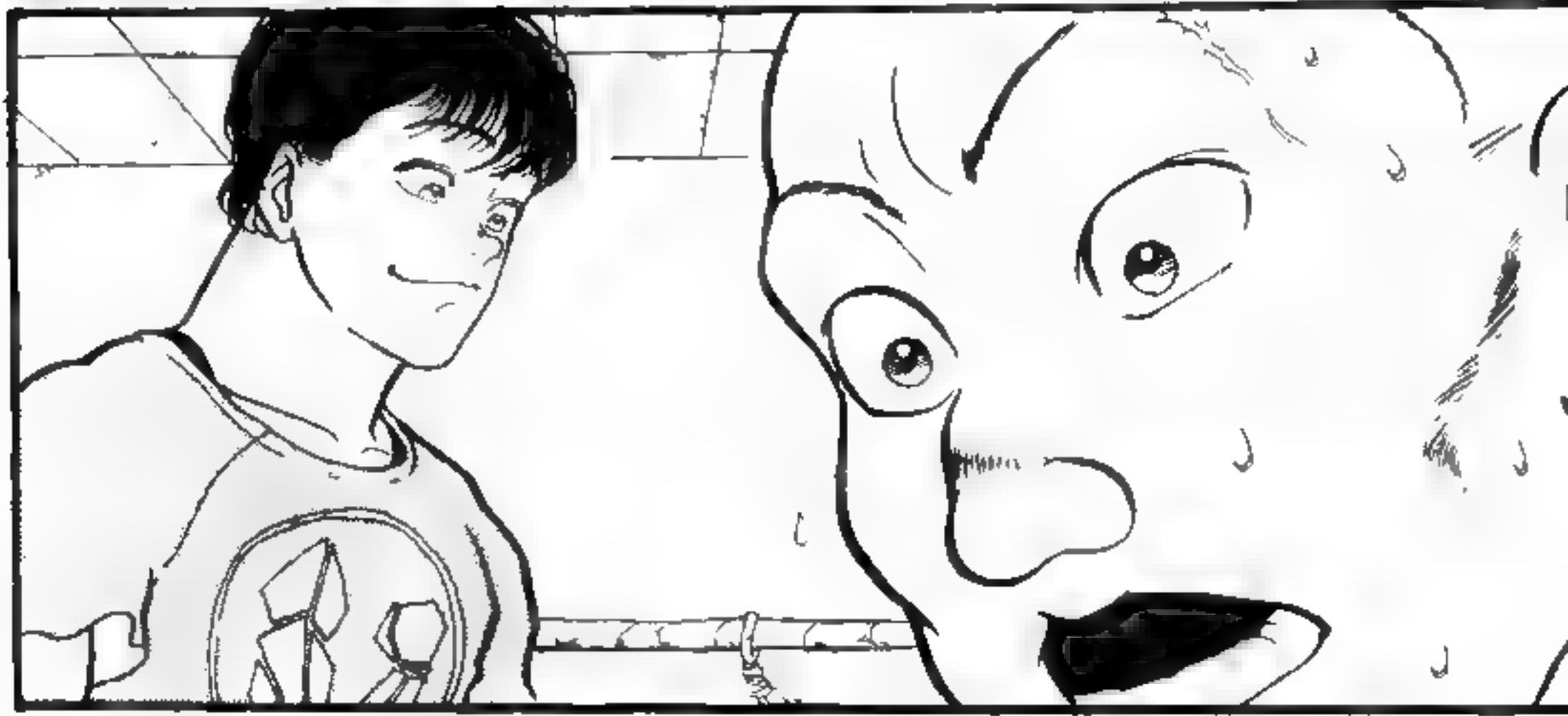
SOMEONE LIKE
YOU THAT'S IN
THAT LEAGUE OF
COMPETITORS IS 10
YEARS TOO EARLY
TO BE SHOWING OFF.

!!!

I'LL BE
DISPOSING
OF THIS FIST.

GRIP!

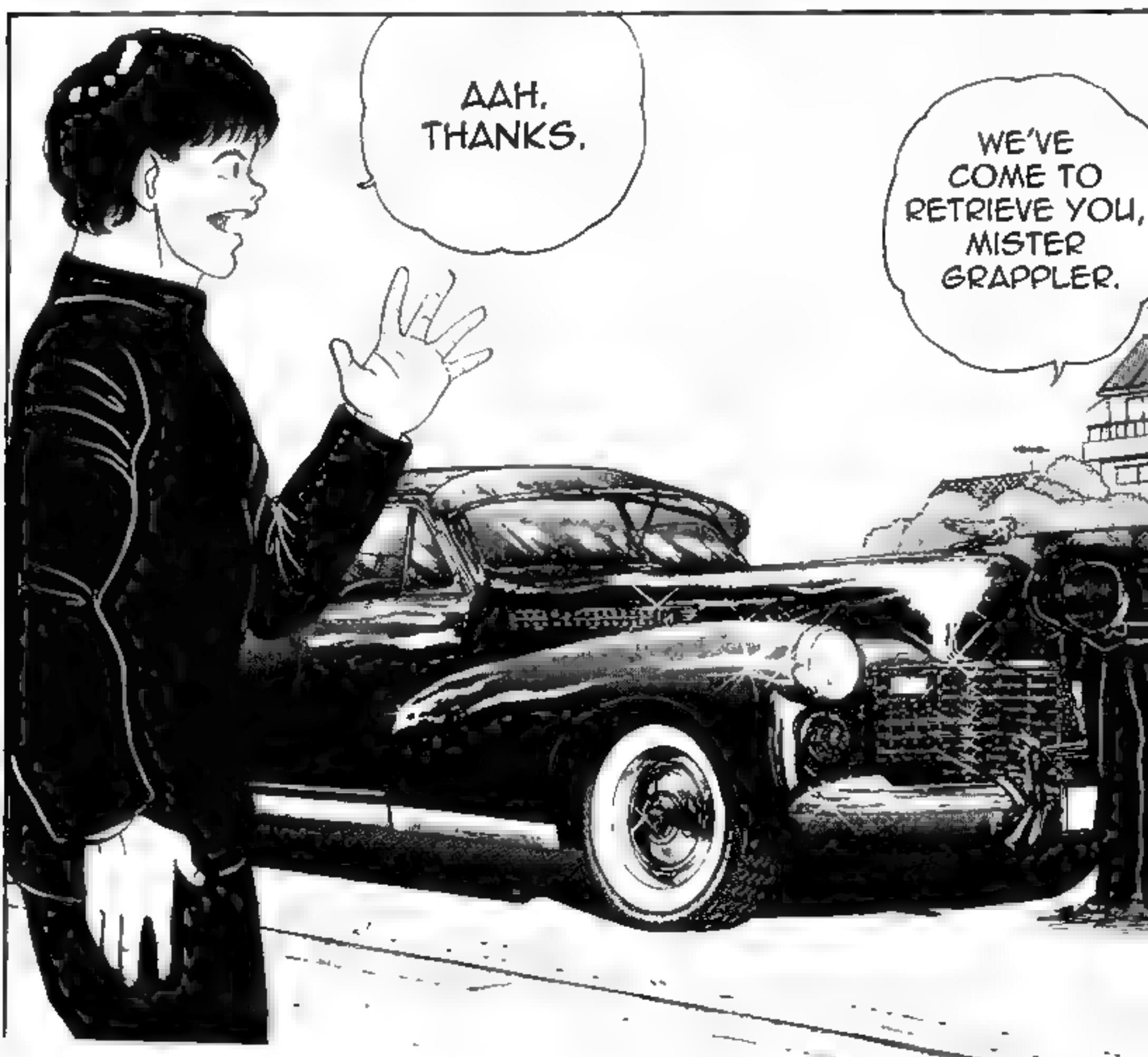


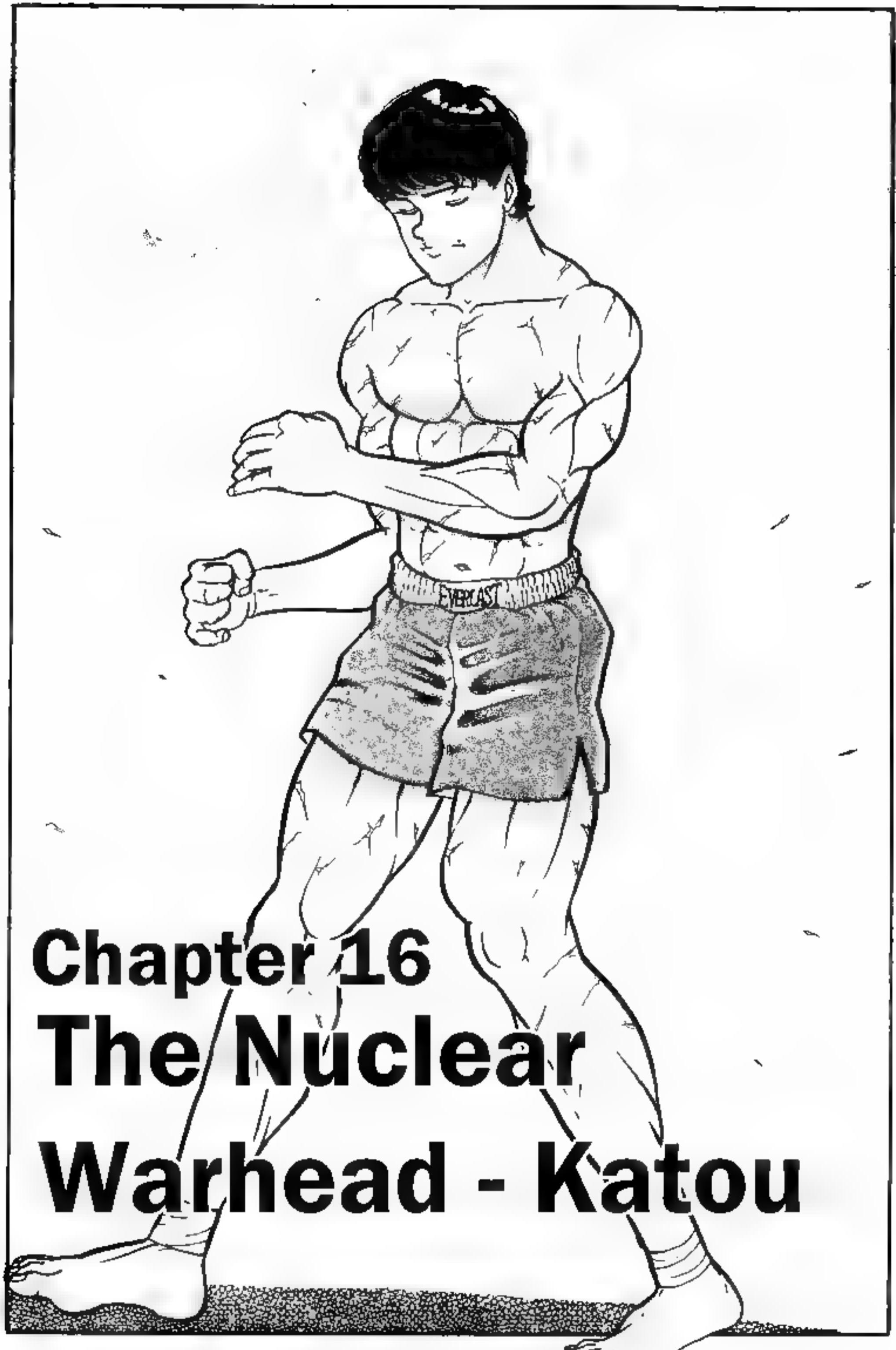


IT'S MY...
DREAM...

SORRY...
THAT I HAD
TO SAVE YOU
FROM HIM,
BUT...

THE PRIZE
MONEY FROM
YOUR DEBUT
FIGHT CAN GO
TOWARDS
REPLACING
THE COACH'S
TEETH!!



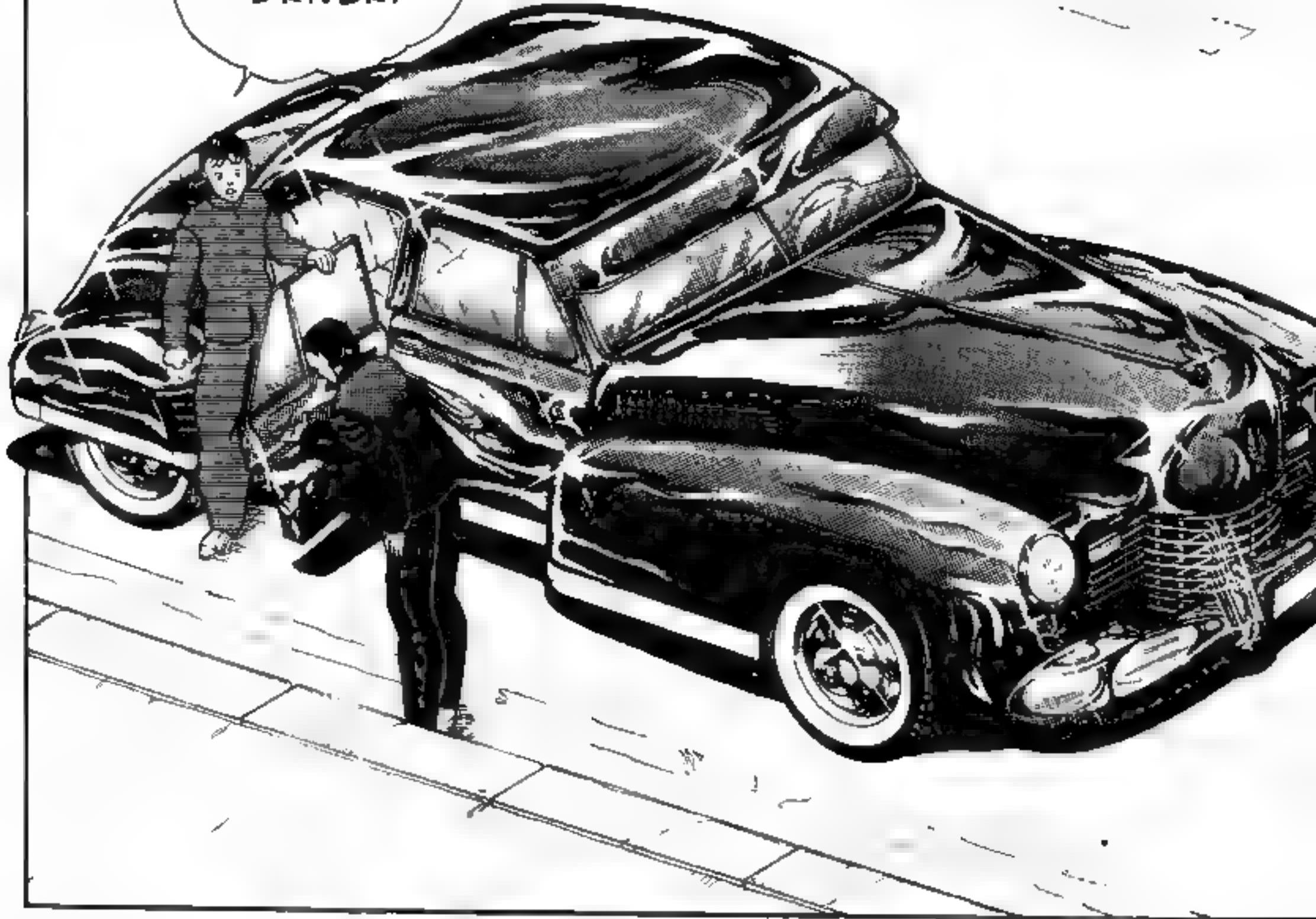


Chapter 16

The Nuclear

Warhead - Katou

BUT WAIT
A SEC,
MISTER
DRIVER.

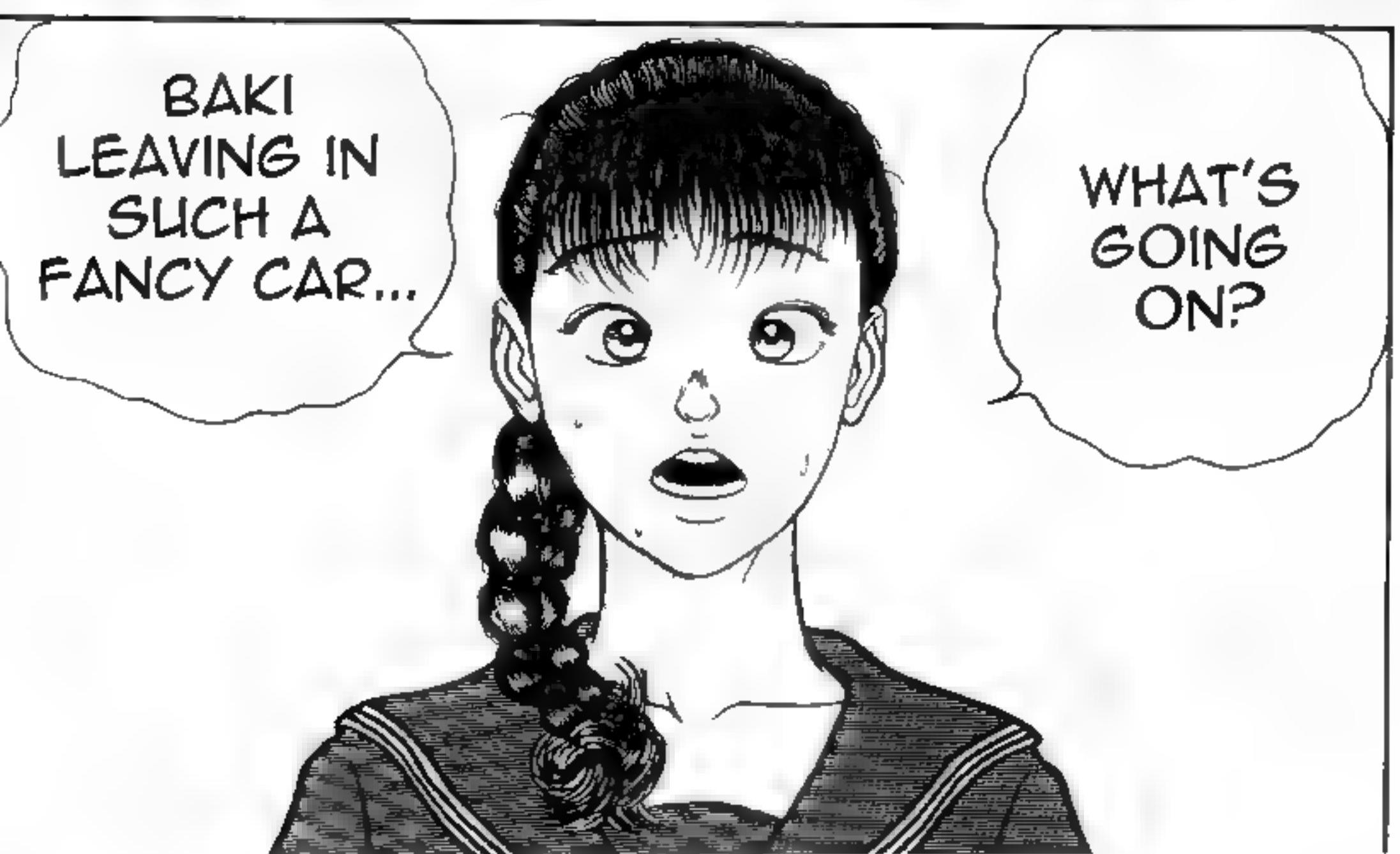


WOULDN'T
IT BE FASTER
TO TAKE THE
TRAIN?

IF WE'RE
HEADING TO
SUIDOUBASHI
AT THIS HOUR...

ALSO,
THOSE WAITING
FOR YOUR
ARRIVAL WILL
NO DOUBT
WAIT FOR AS
LONG AS IT
TAKES FOR YOU
TO GET THERE.

A WARRIOR
WOULD NEVER
WISH TO RIDE
A TRAIN TO THE
BATTLEFIELD.



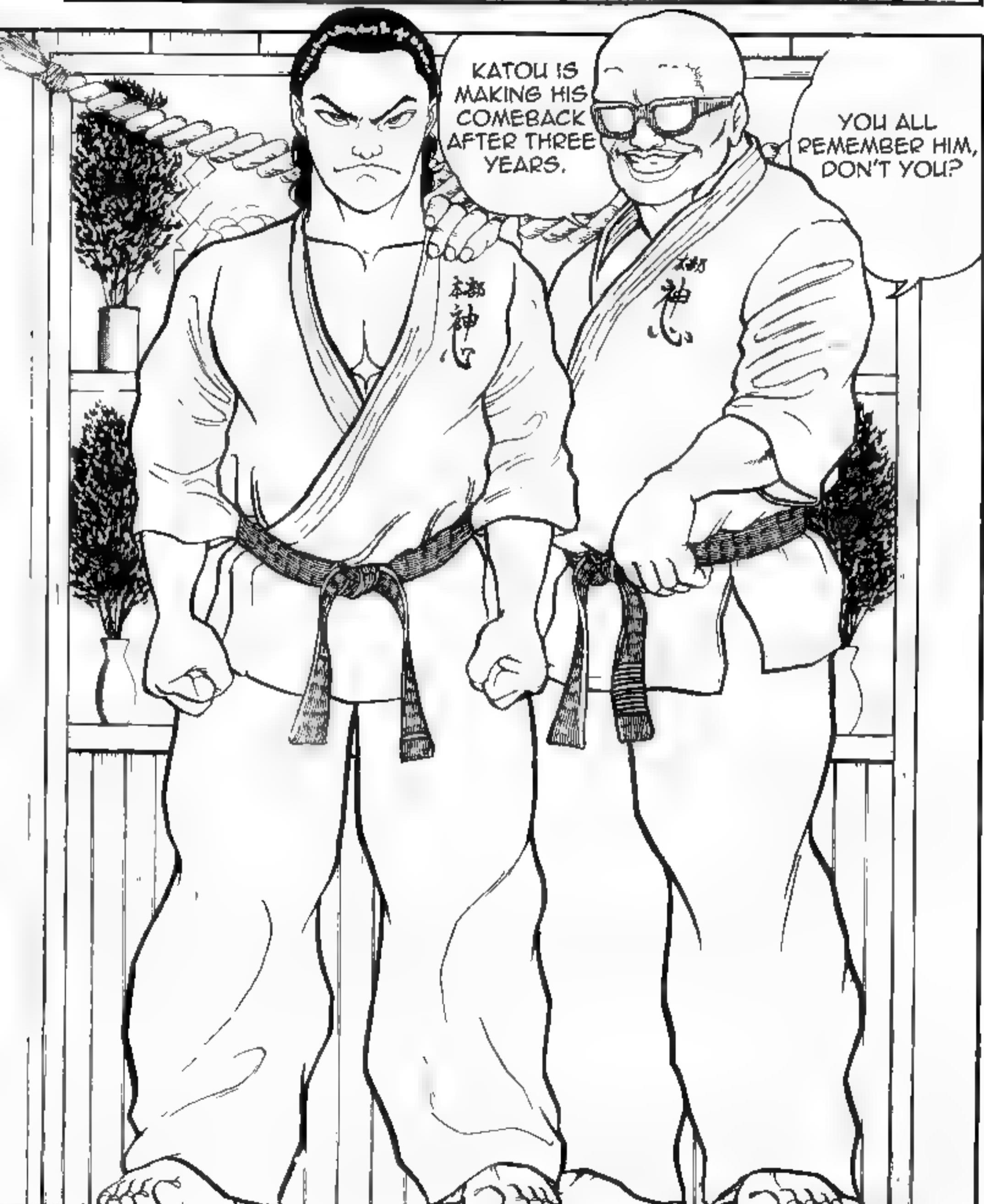


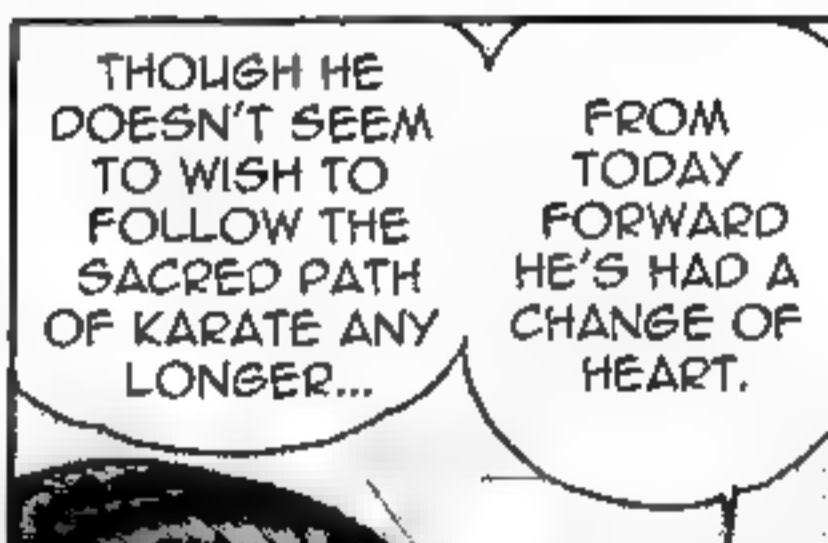
第一練成道場

SIGN TRAINING DOJO NO. 1

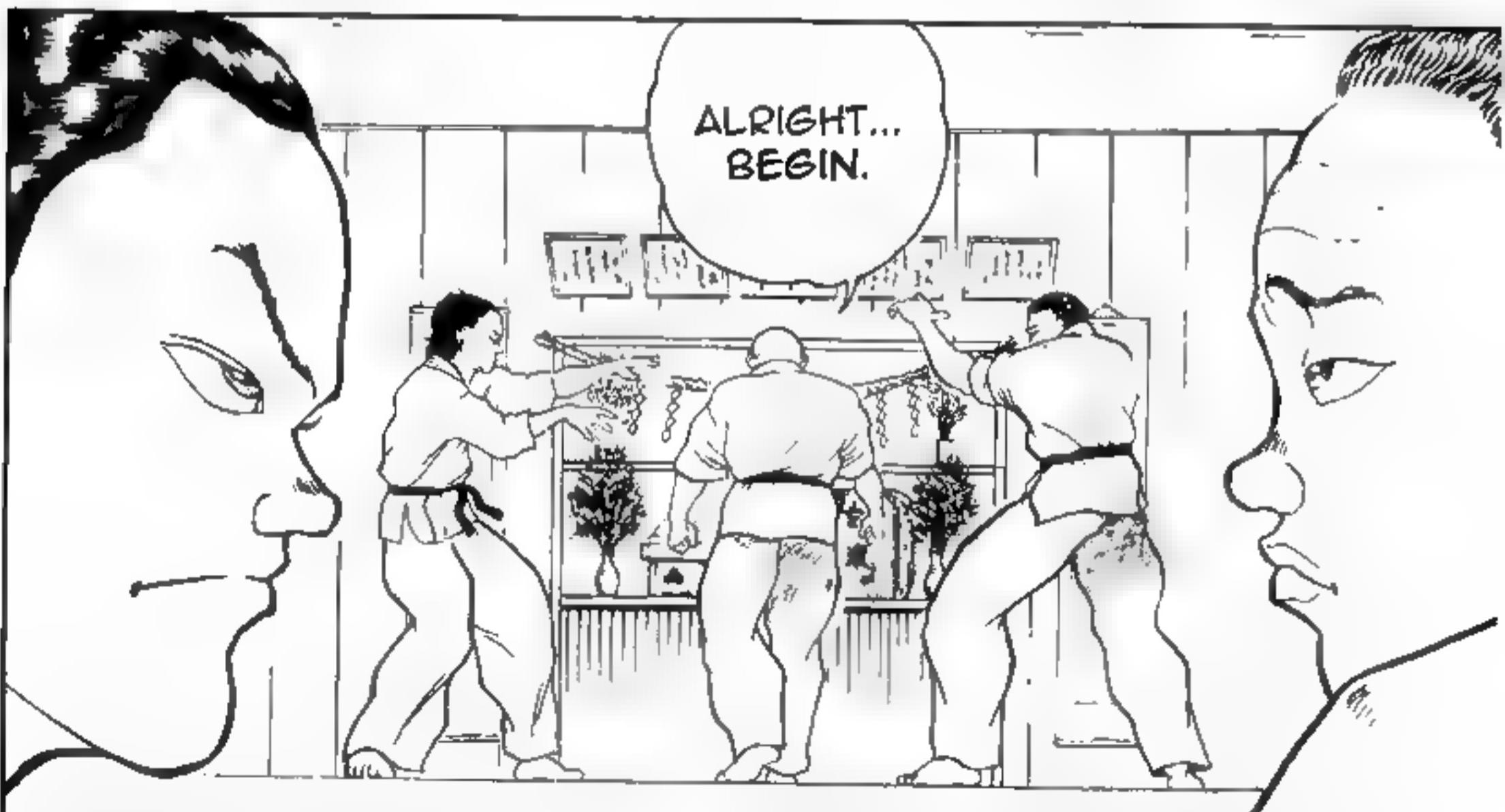
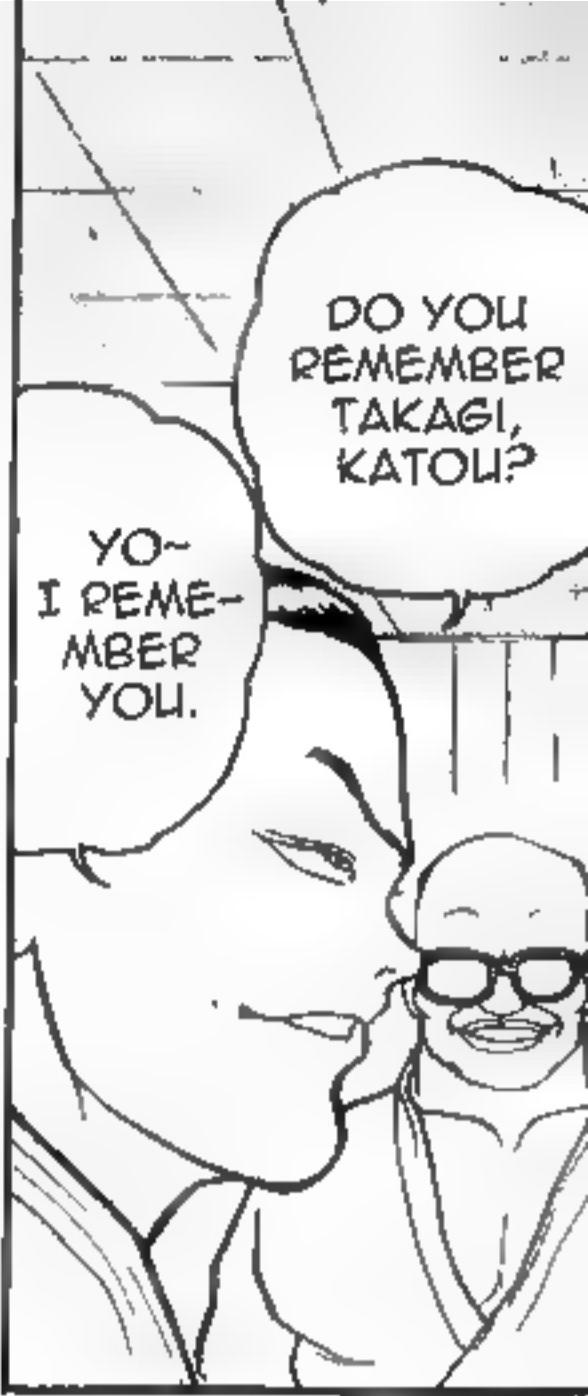
KATOU IS
MAKING HIS
COMEBACK
AFTER THREE
YEARS.

YOU ALL
REMEMBER HIM,
DON'T YOU?





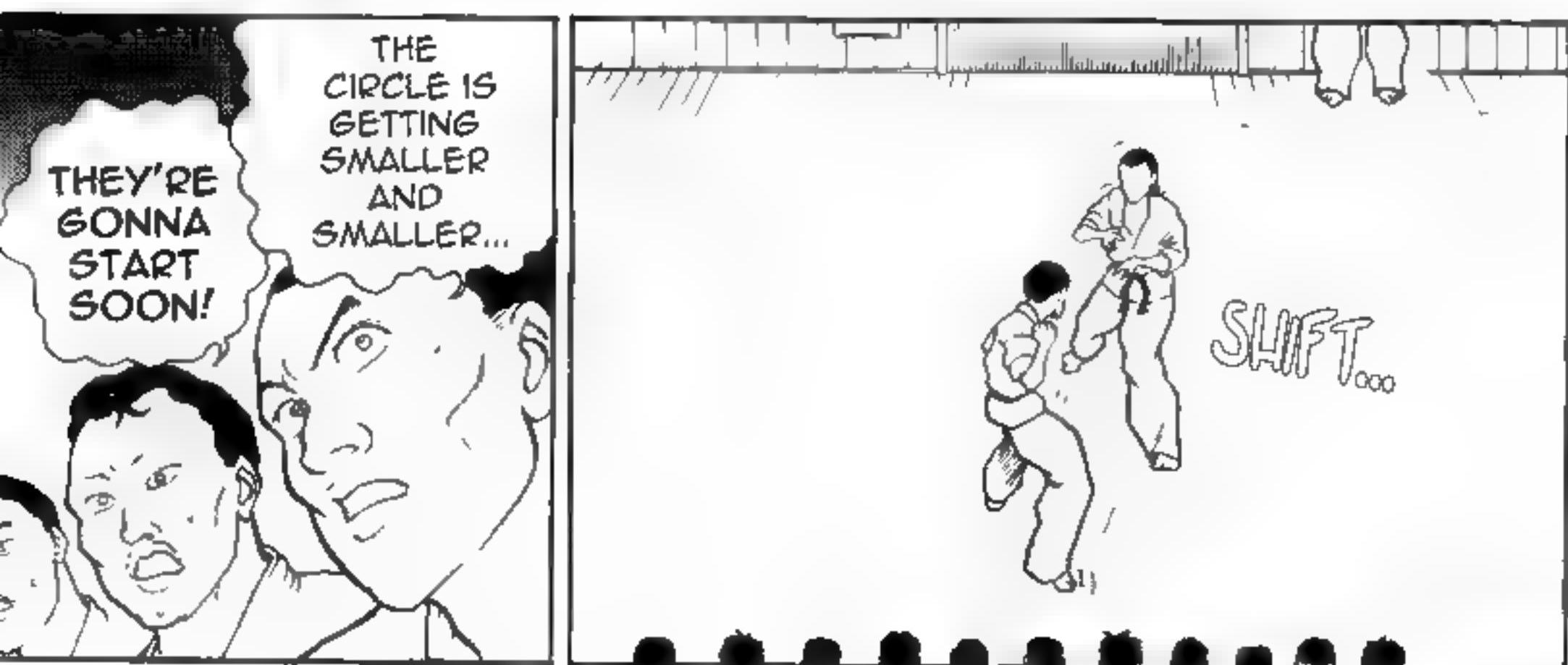


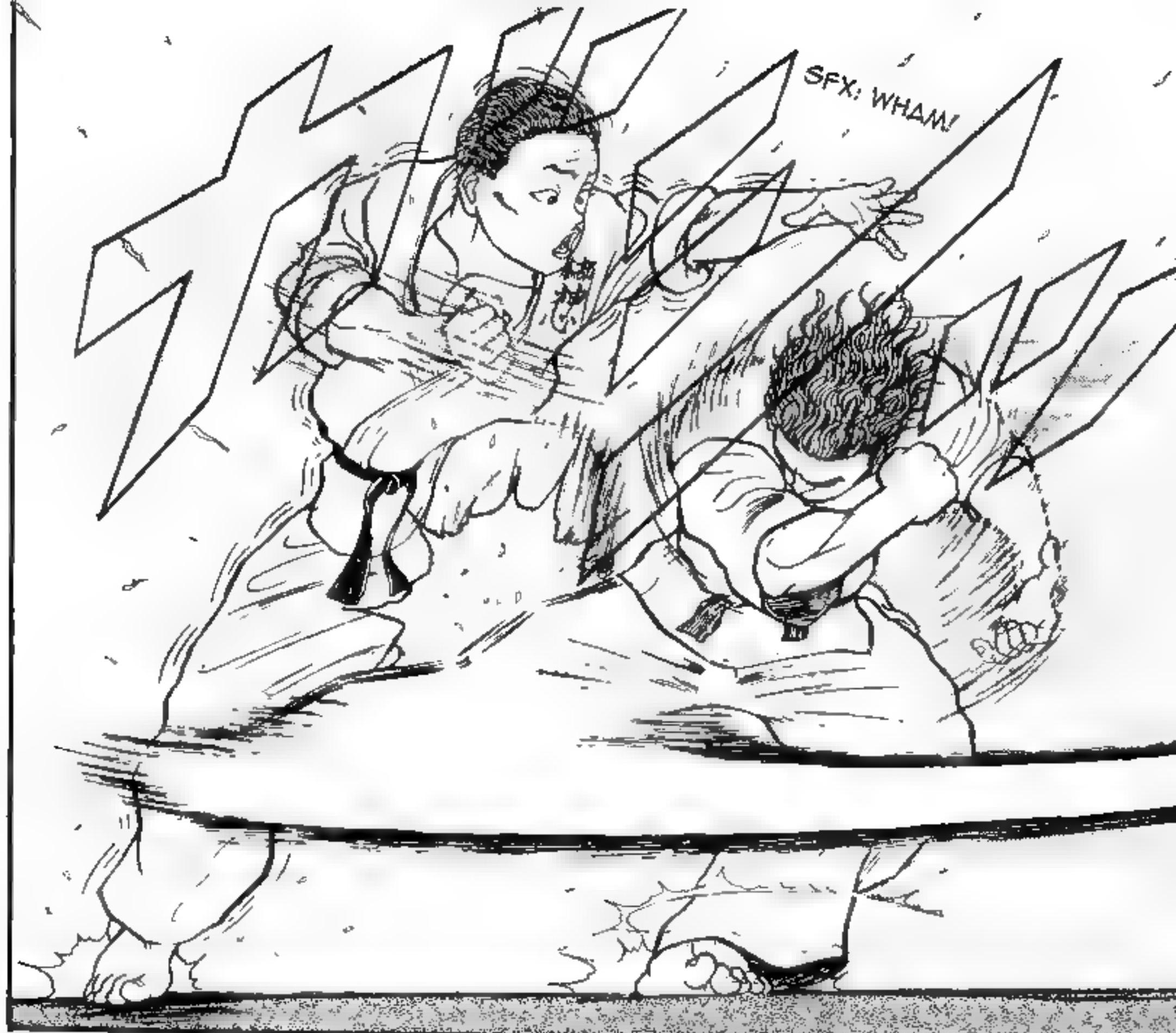


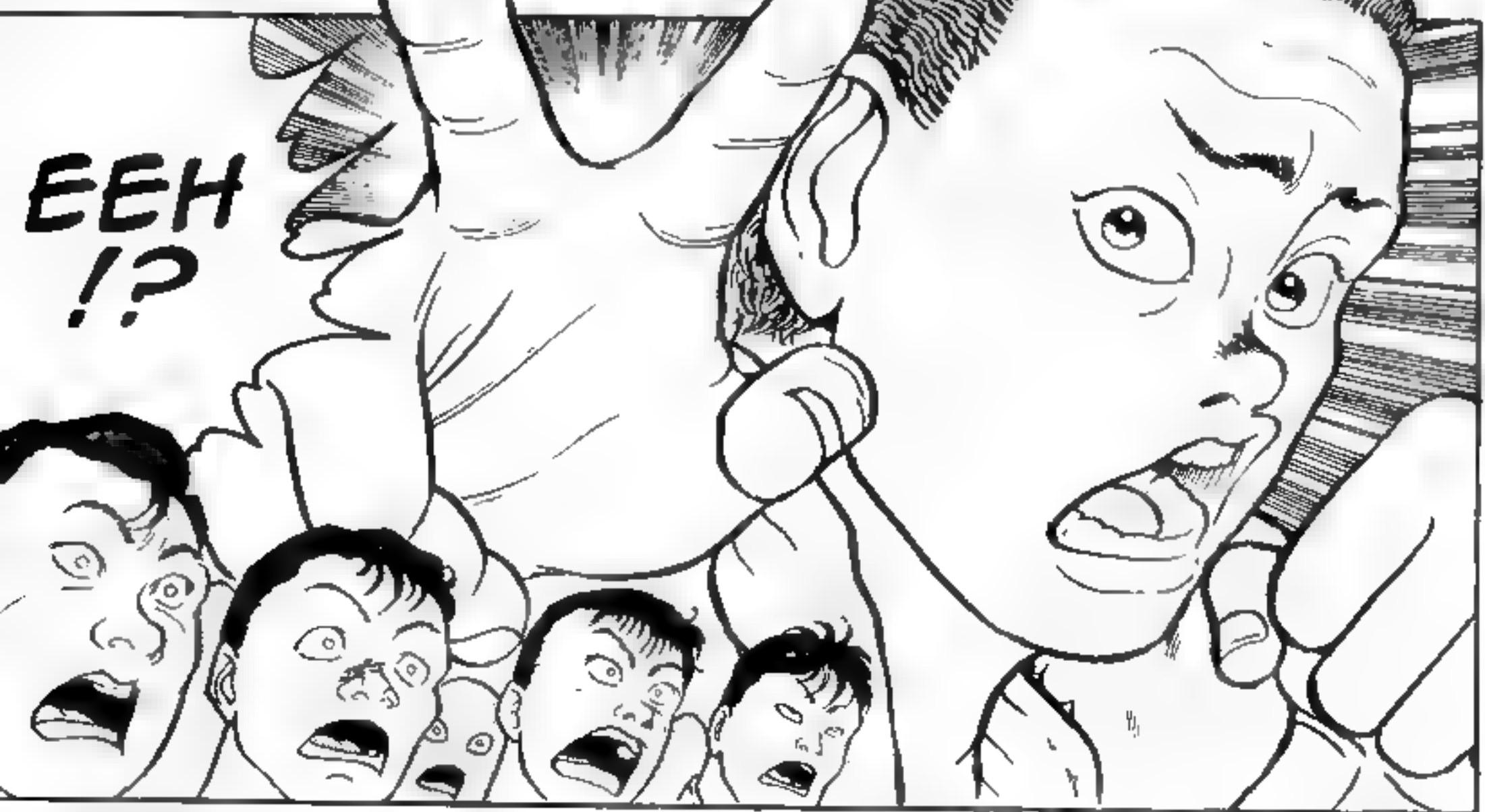
*NOTE: KATA (型 OR 型) LITERALLY: "FORM") IS A JAPANESE WORD DESCRIBING DETAILED CHOREOGRAPHED PATTERNS OF MOVEMENTS PRACTISED EITHER SOLO OR IN PAIRS. THE TERM FORM IS USED FOR THE CORRESPONDING CONCEPT IN NON-JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS IN GENERAL.



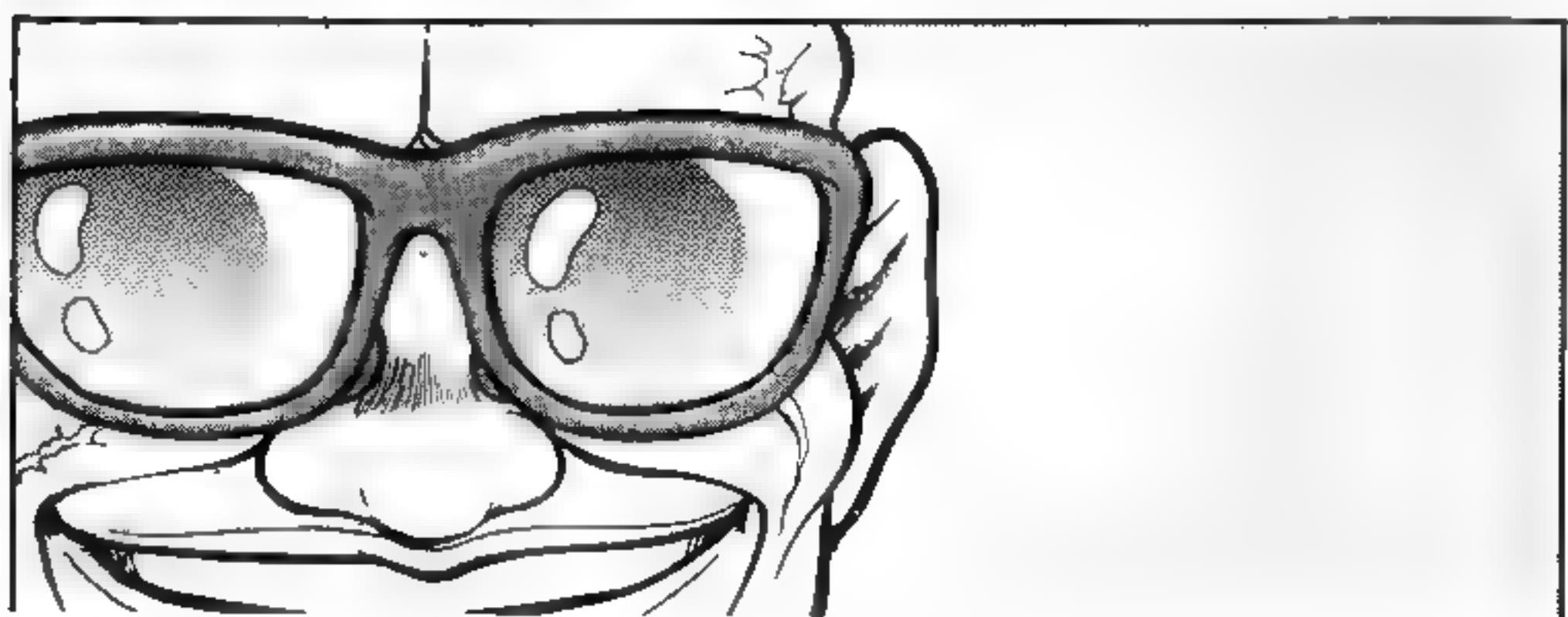
















YOU'RE
ALL ON A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
LEVEL THAN
ME ALTO-
GETHER

HEH!
I FIGURED
YOU GUYS
WOULD BE
RUSTING
AWAY AND
SHOOTING
BLANKS,
BUT...

WHO
WANTS
TO BE
MY NEXT
OPPONENT,
HUH?

ALRIGHT
THEN~

HEY...

DON'T BE
SPREADING
THIS KIND OF
IMAGE...



WHERE ARE
YOU PLANNING
TO TAKE ME
THIS TIME?

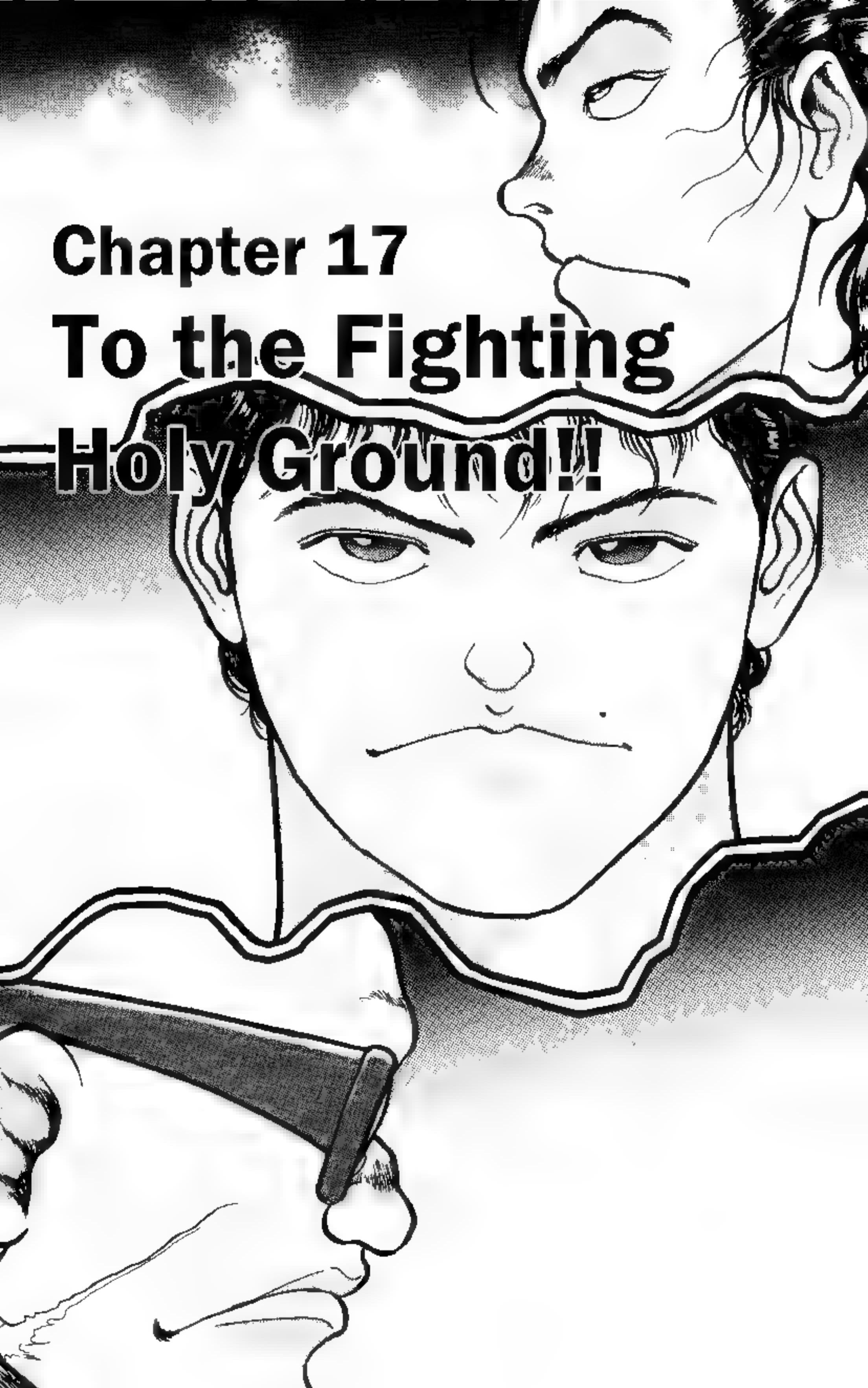
OSU!

TO A
WONDERLAND.

TAKE US TO
SHIBOUBASHI.

AH~?

OSU!



Chapter 17

To the Fighting

Holy Ground!!!

AT THAT TIME
IN EXCHANGE FOR
FINANCING OF THE
CONSTRUCTION COSTS,
A SINGLE FINANCIER
MADE A DEAL
TO HAVE HIS OWN
PRIVATE ROOM
ADDED ON...

6 STORIES
ABOVE GROUND
2 STORIES
BELOW GROUND...

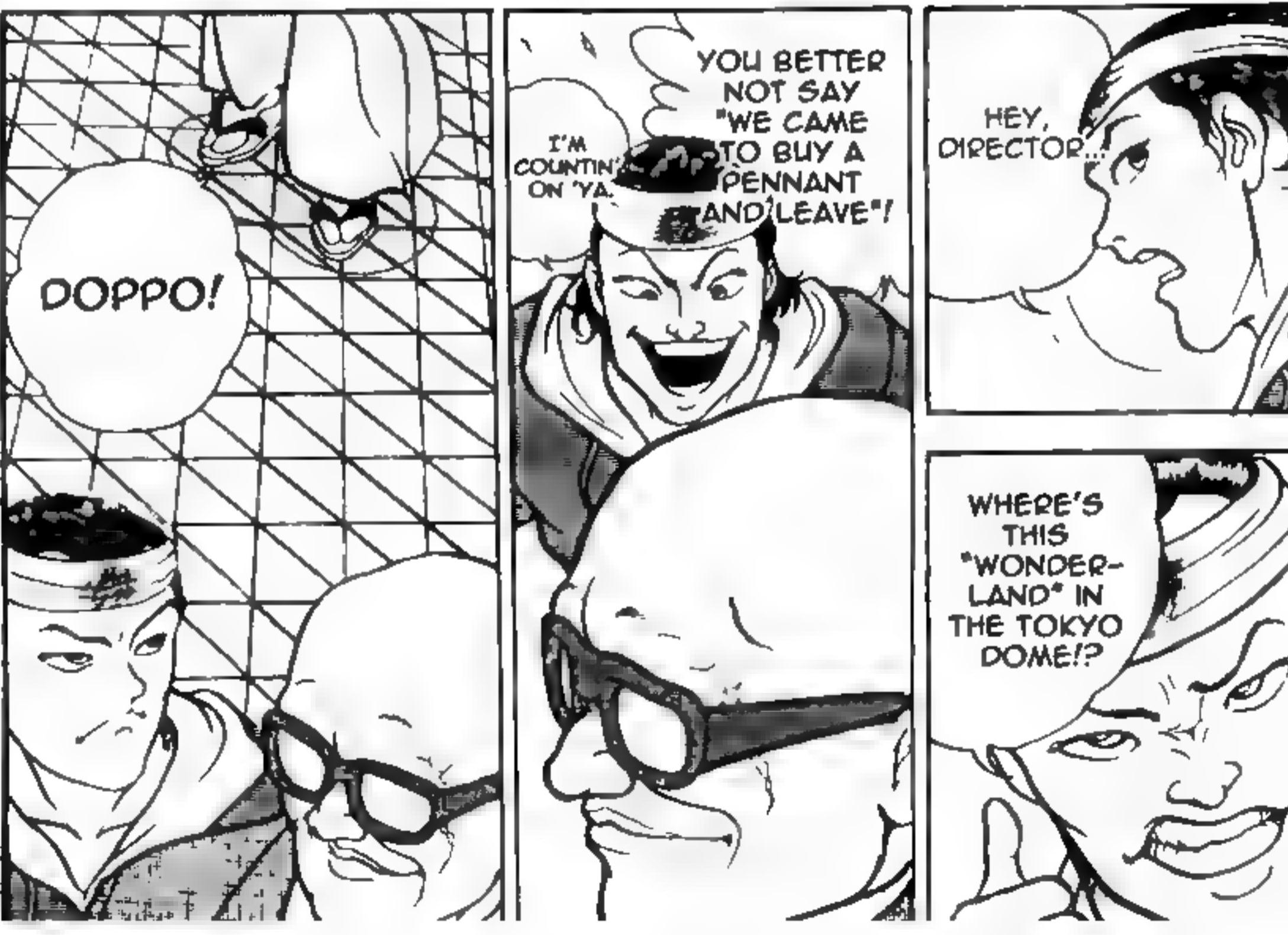
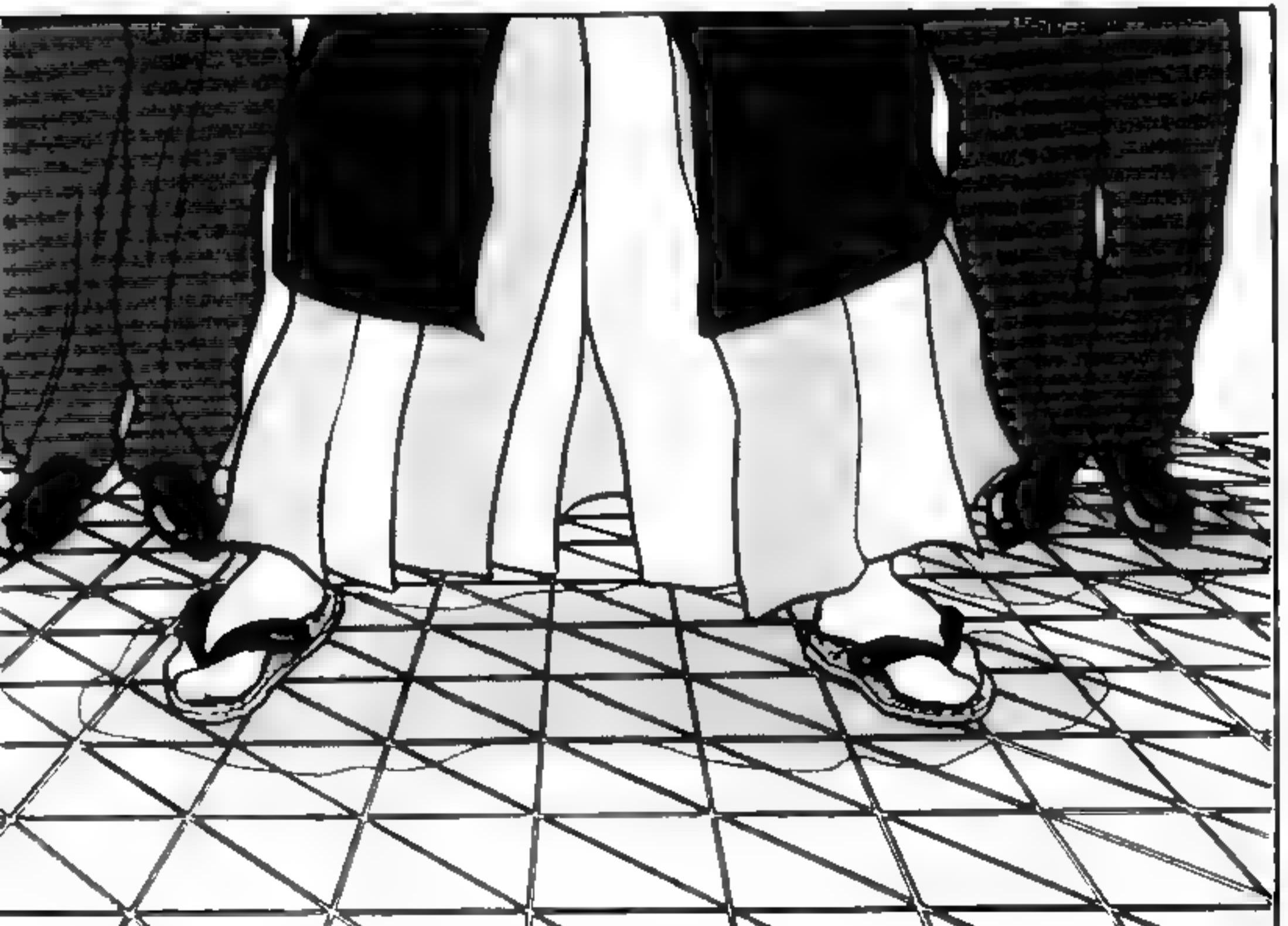
IN THE 5TH MONTH
AND 60TH YEAR OF
THE SHOWA ERA
IN TOKYO'S
BUNKYOKU
KOURAKU FOR
THE PURPOSE
OF BUILDING
A GIANT DOME
CONSTRUCTION
WAS STARTED.

NOTE: THE 60TH YEAR OF THE SHOWA ERA IS THE YEAR 1985 OF THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

THE JAPAN FEDERATION
OF EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS,
THE FEDERATION OF
ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS,
THE JAPAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,
THE JAPAN ASSOCIATION
OF CORPORATE EXECUTIVES,
THE KEIYUREN,
THE GREAT JAPANESE
INDUSTRIAL CLUB,
THE MEIZAIREN, AND
THE AKEIREN ALL PITCHED IN...

BUT IT
MET WITH
A TERRIBLE
PRANK...

IT WAS
ONE OF THE
BIGGEST
BACKROOM
DEALS EVER
MADE!!



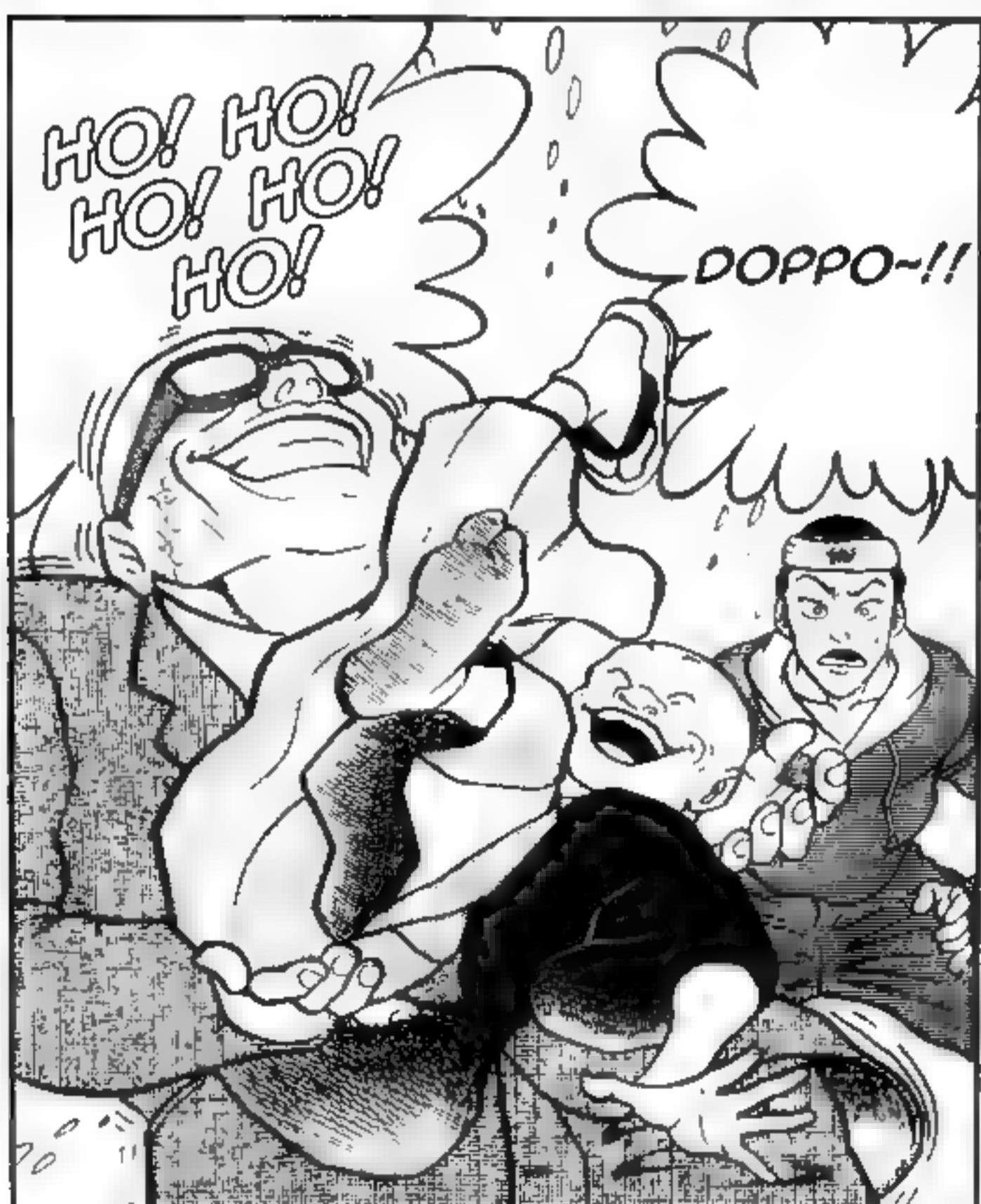
MY
APOLOGIES
FOR NOT
WRITING YOU,
SIR!

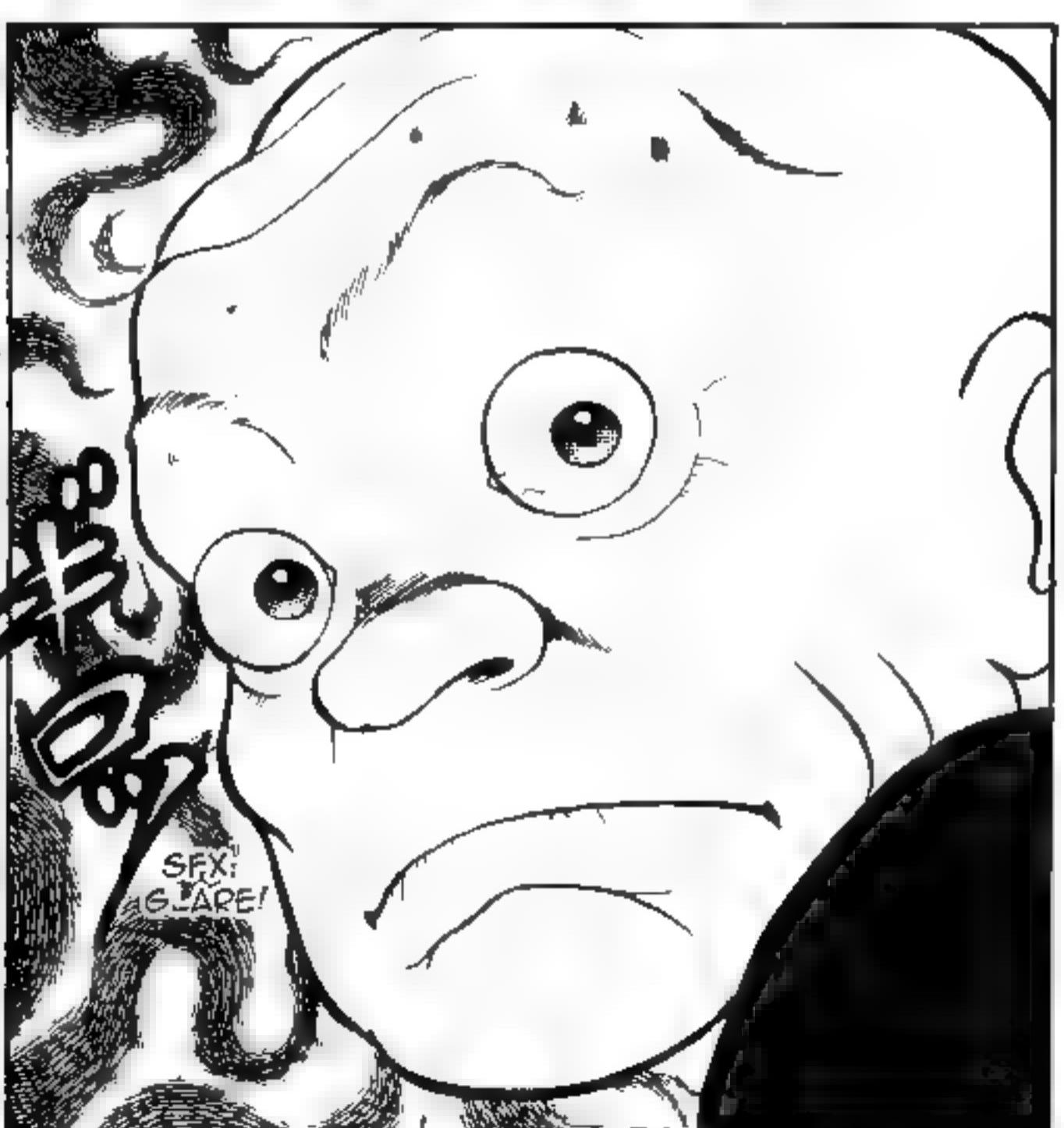
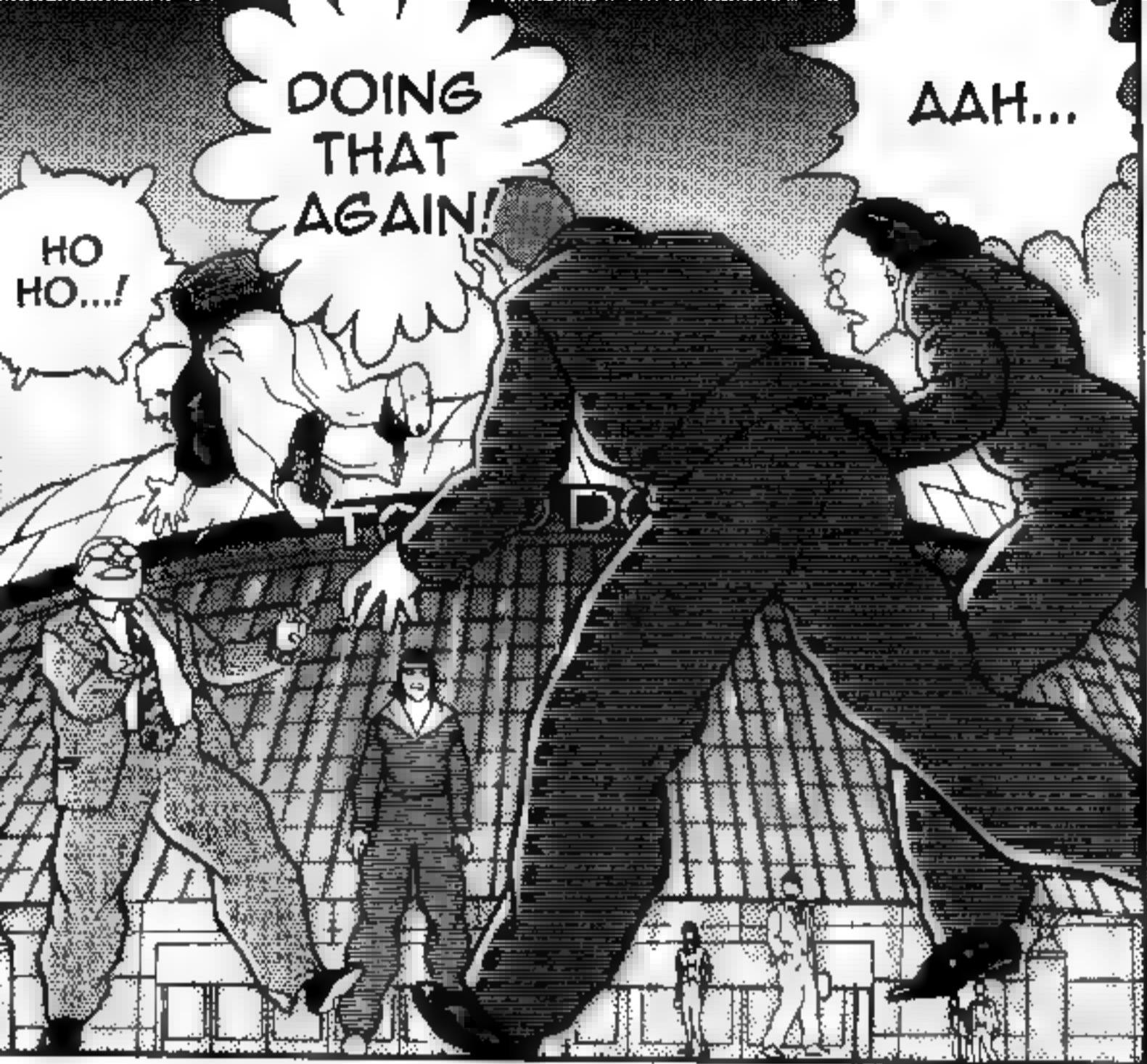
I COULD
HARDLY
WAIT,
DOPPO!!



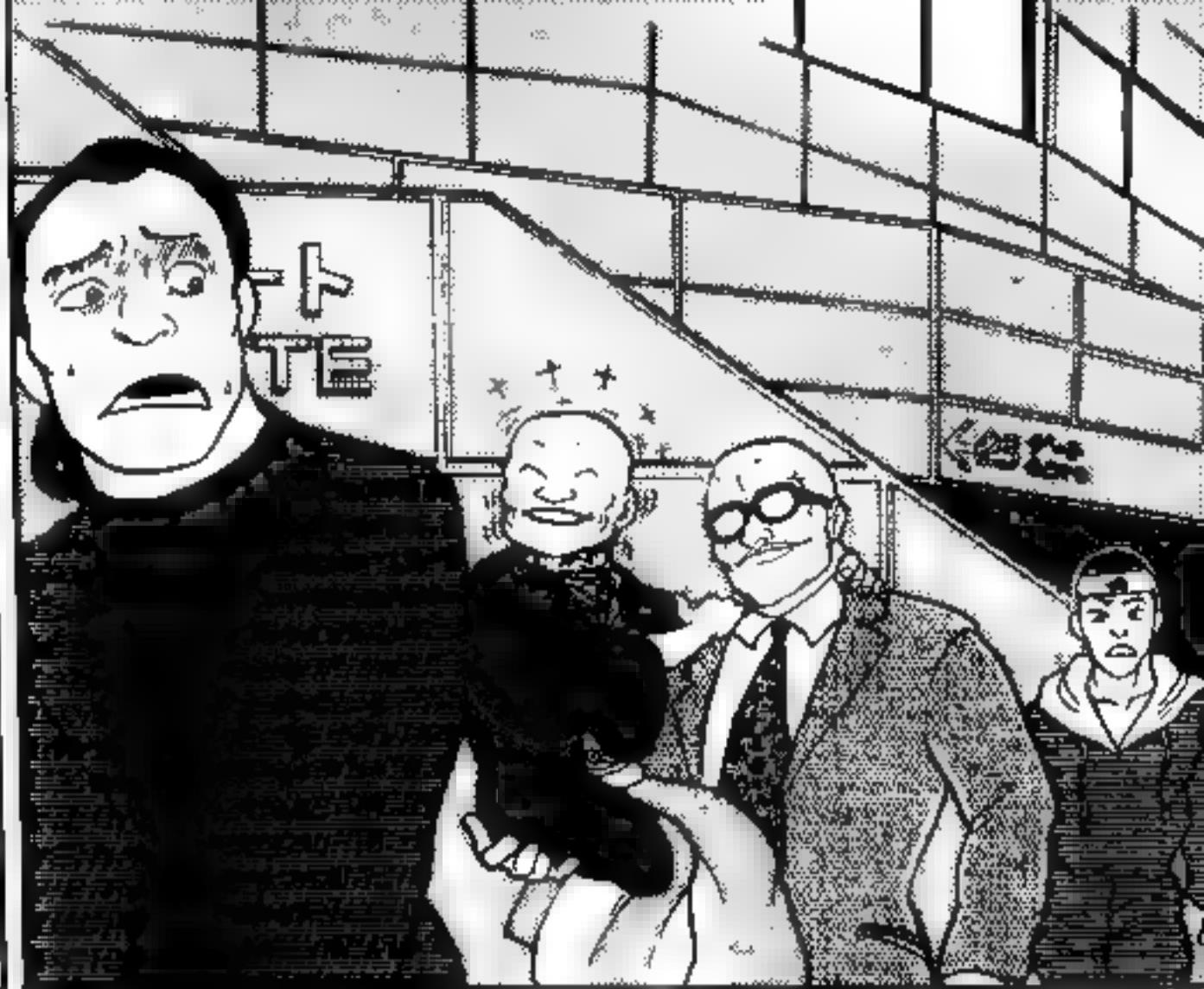
HO! HO!
HO! HO!
HO!

DOPPO!!



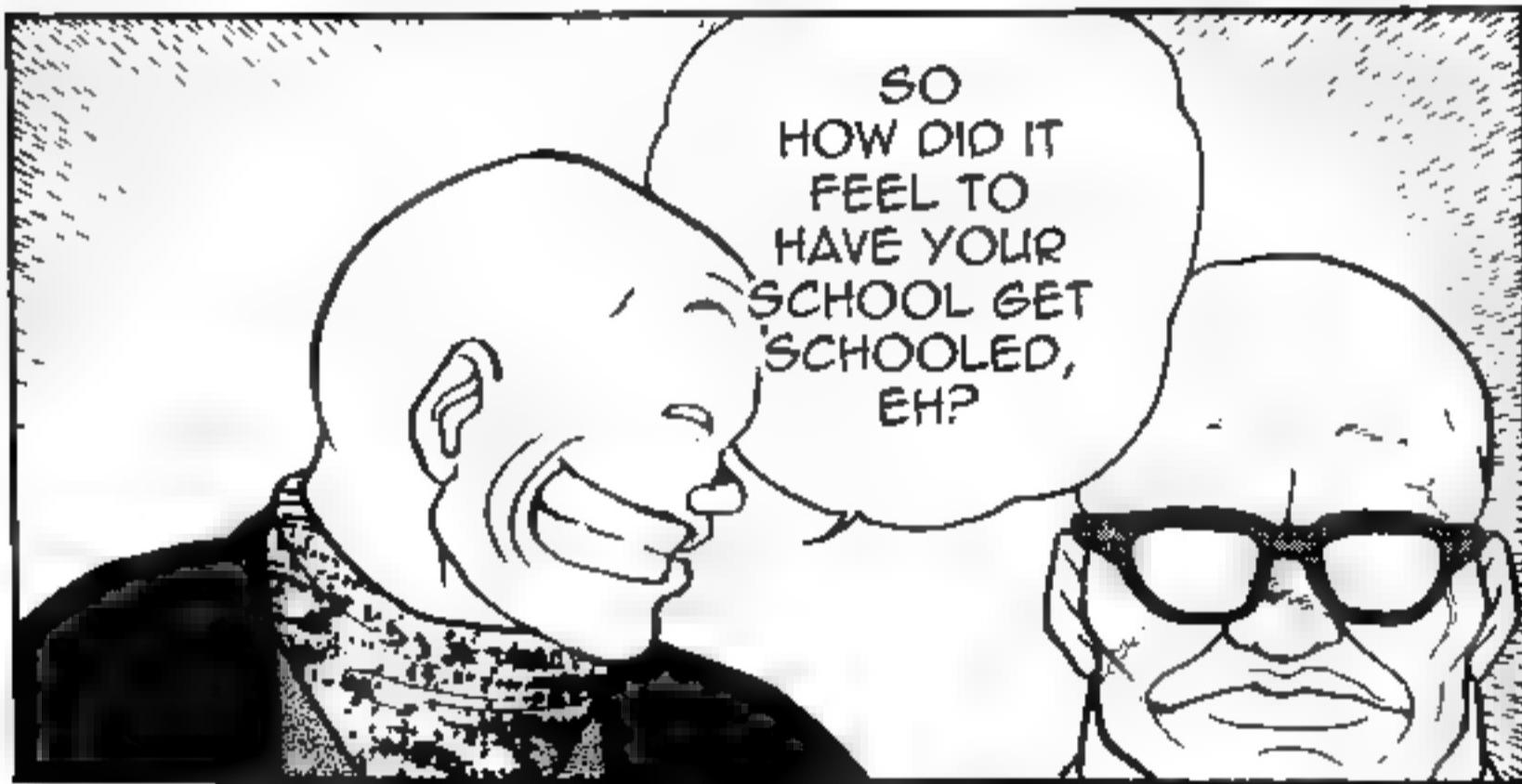


WHAT'S
WITH
THIS OLD
GEEZER?



SO
HOW DID IT
FEEL TO
HAVE YOUR
SCHOOL GET
SCHOoled,
EH?

HEY,
DOPPO...

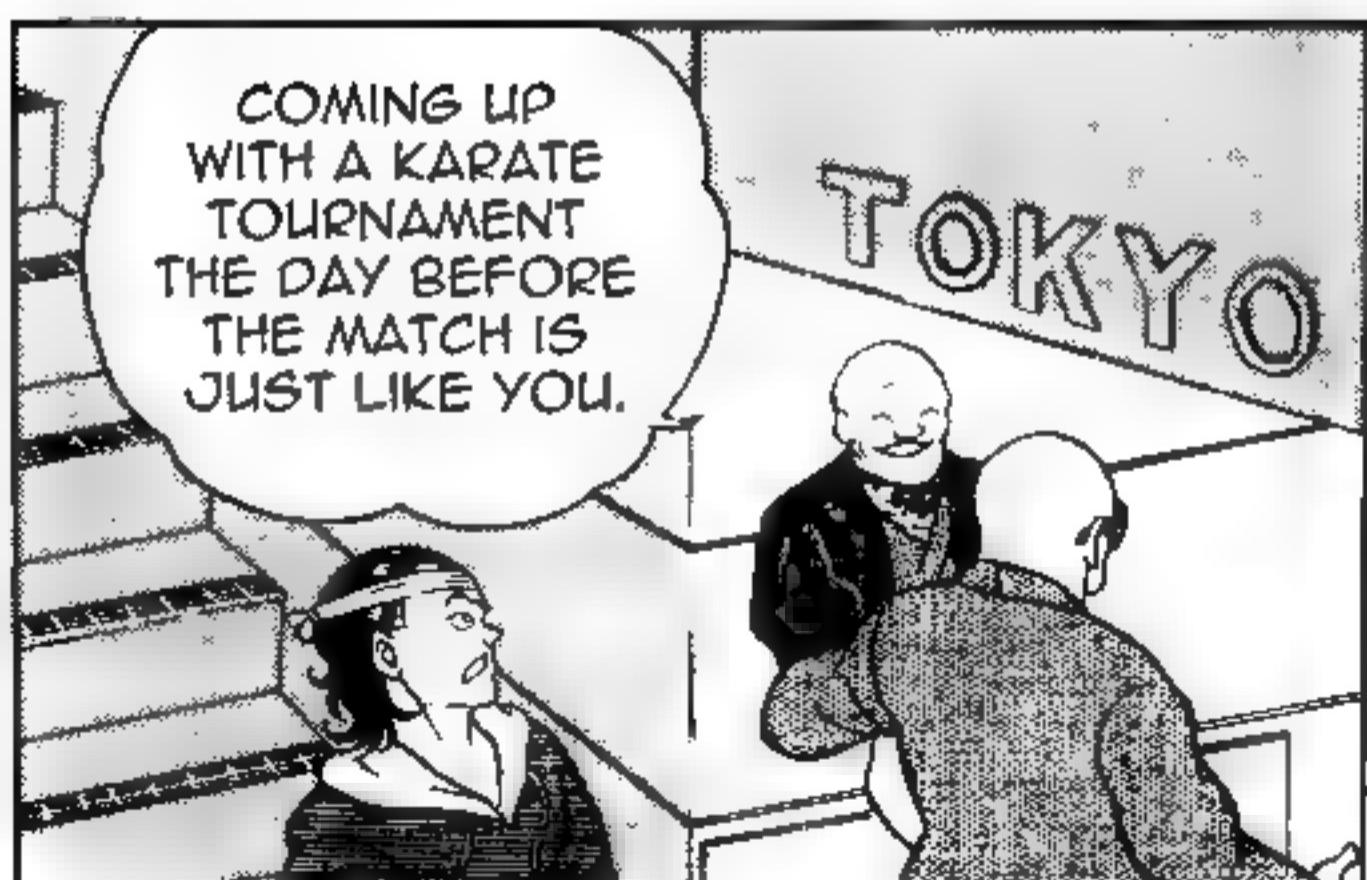


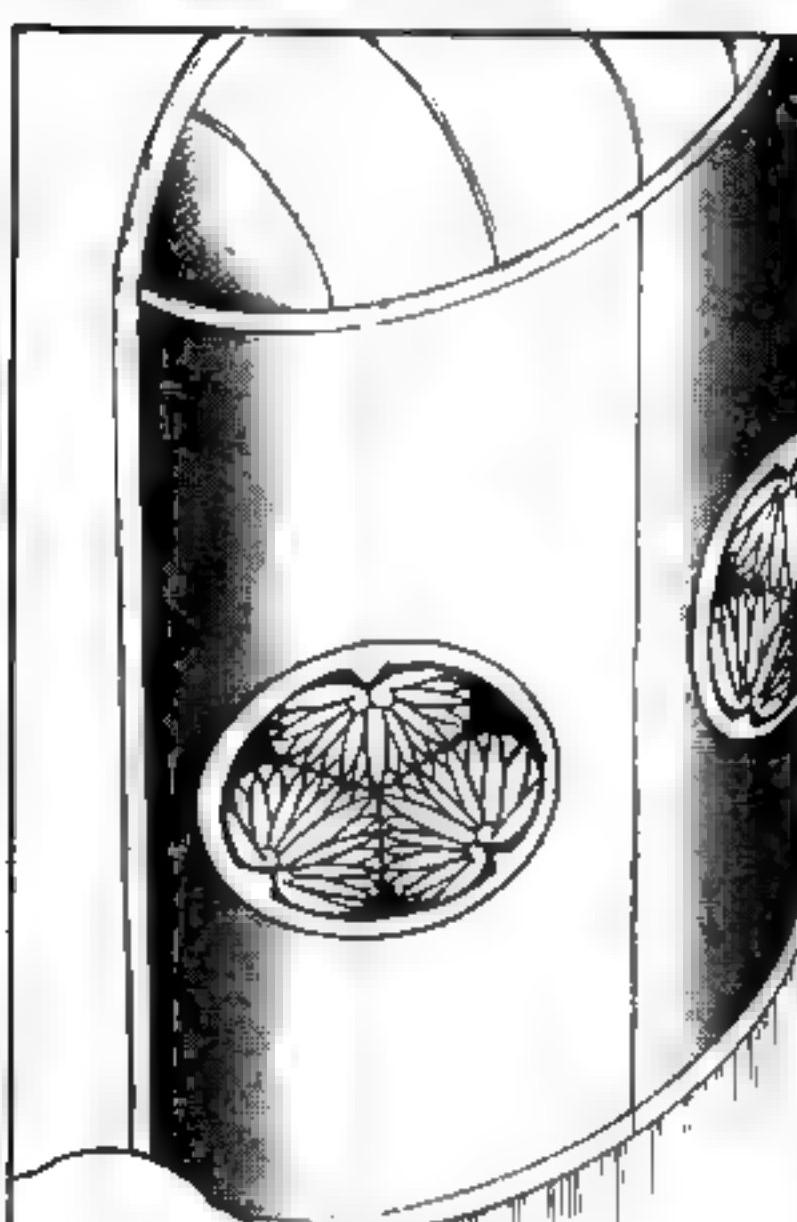
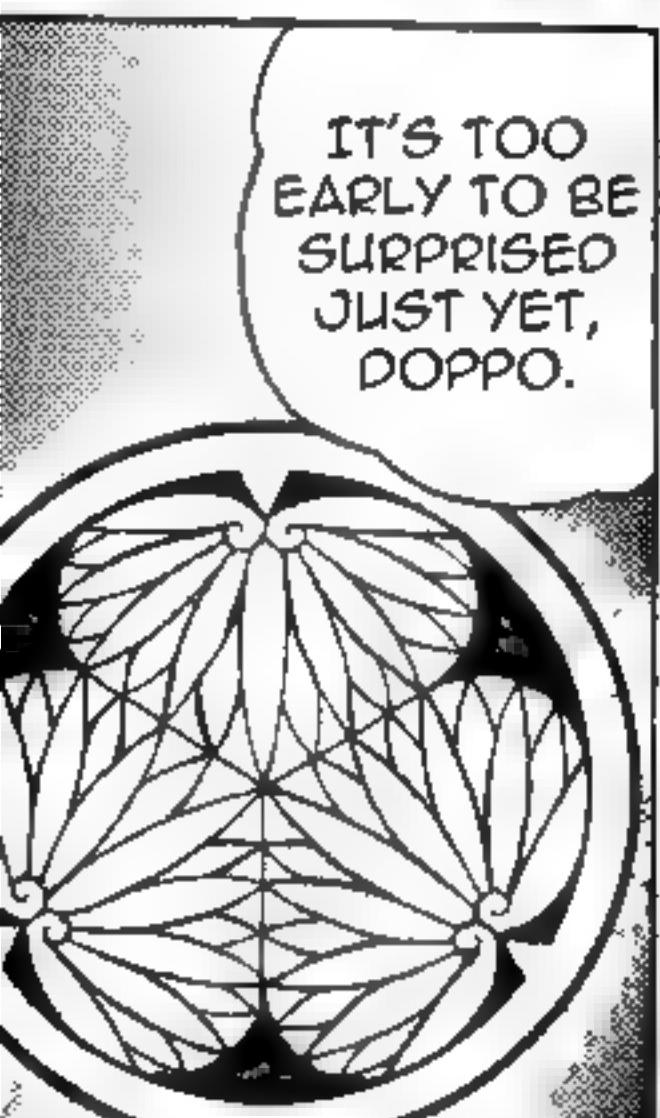
SO THIS
IS ABOUT
BAKI!

HAHAHA.
BY THE TIME
I REALIZED
BAKI'S TRUE
NATURE,
HE HAD
ALREADY
MADE IT TO
THE FINALS.

COMING UP
WITH A KARATE
TOURNAMENT
THE DAY BEFORE
THE MATCH IS
JUST LIKE YOU.

TOKYO





BUT I
COULD SWEAR
THE TOKYO
DOME'S ONLY
SUPPOSED
TO HAVE TWO
UNDERGROUND
FLOORS...

THE SIXTH
BASEMENT
FLOOR...?

THIS WILL
TAKE US
STRAIGHT TO
THE SIXTH
BASEMENT
FLOOR.

EEH
DOPPO?

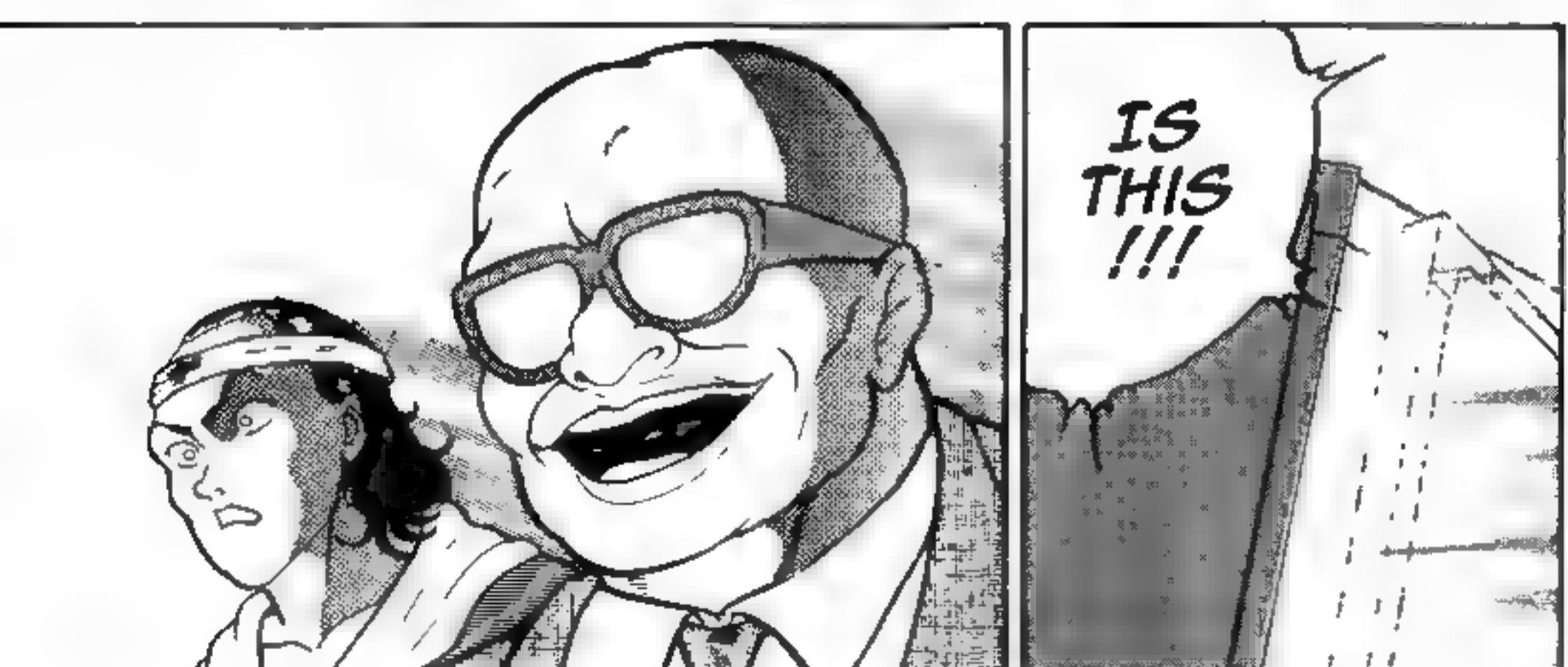
THIS PRANK'S
THE GREATEST
ONE FROM MY
GENERATION.

DING!

SUDE!



FOR MORE
THAN 300
YEARS SINCE
THE TOKU-
GAWA ERA...
CONTINUING
UNINTERRUPTED...



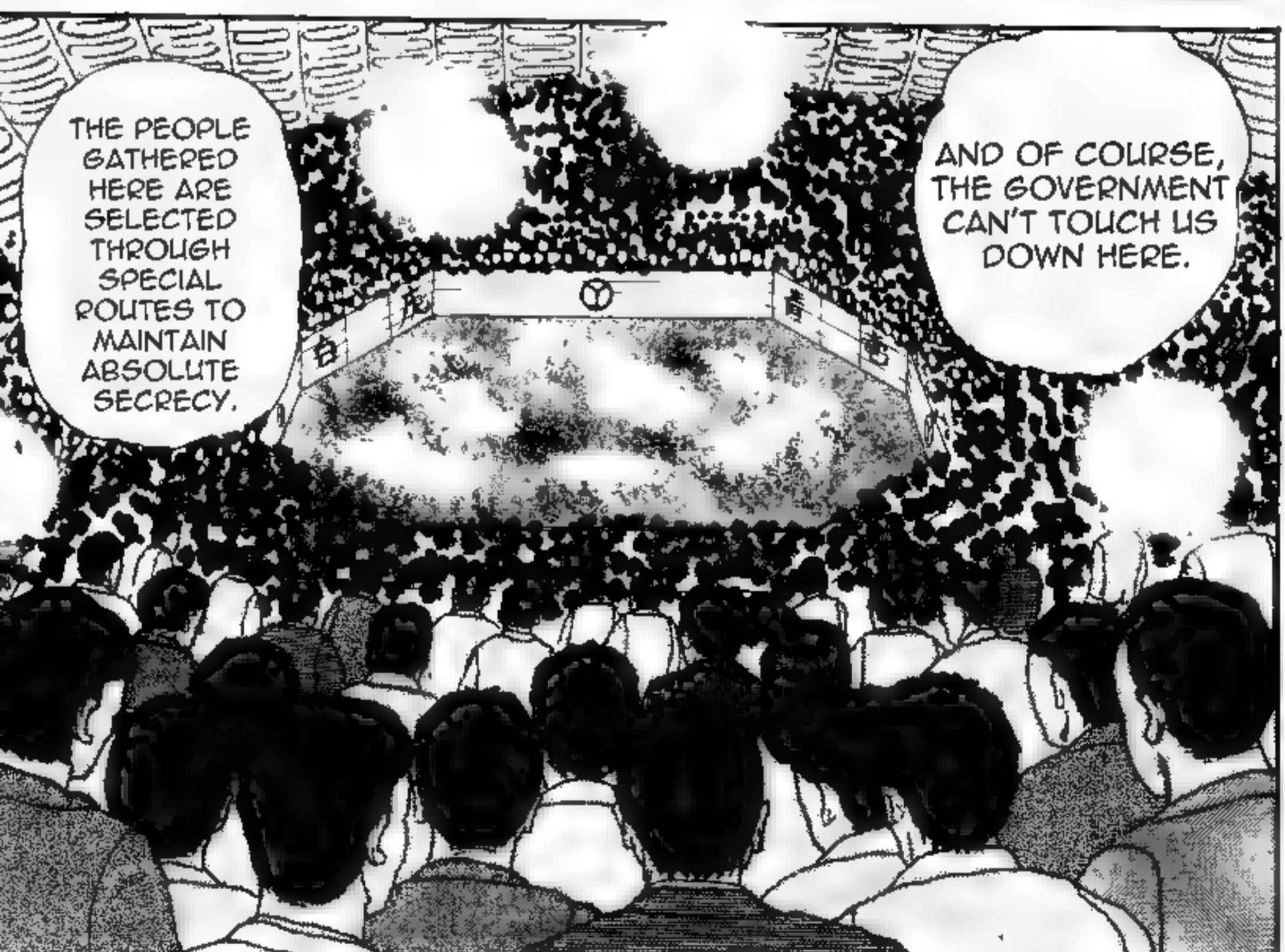
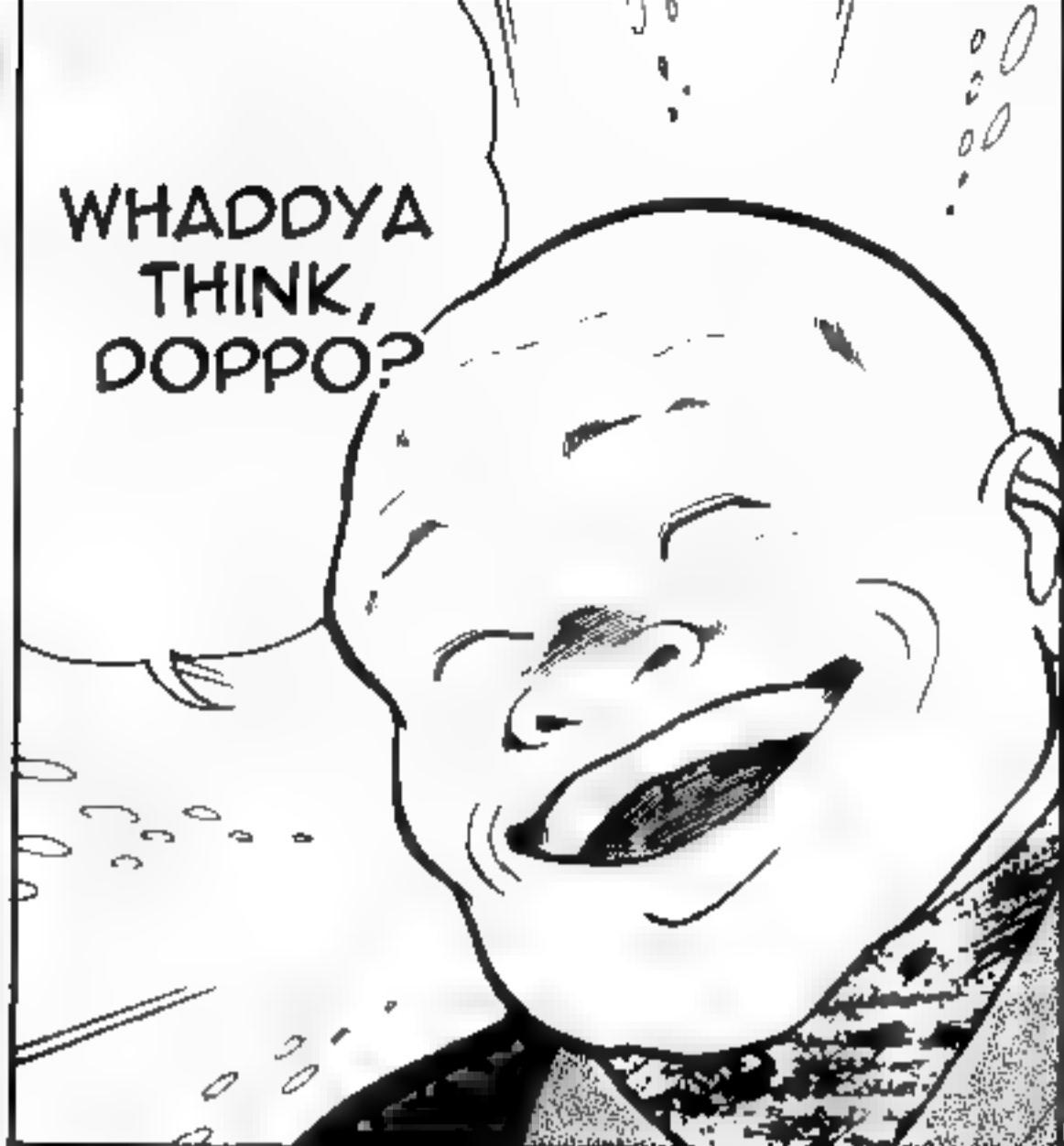


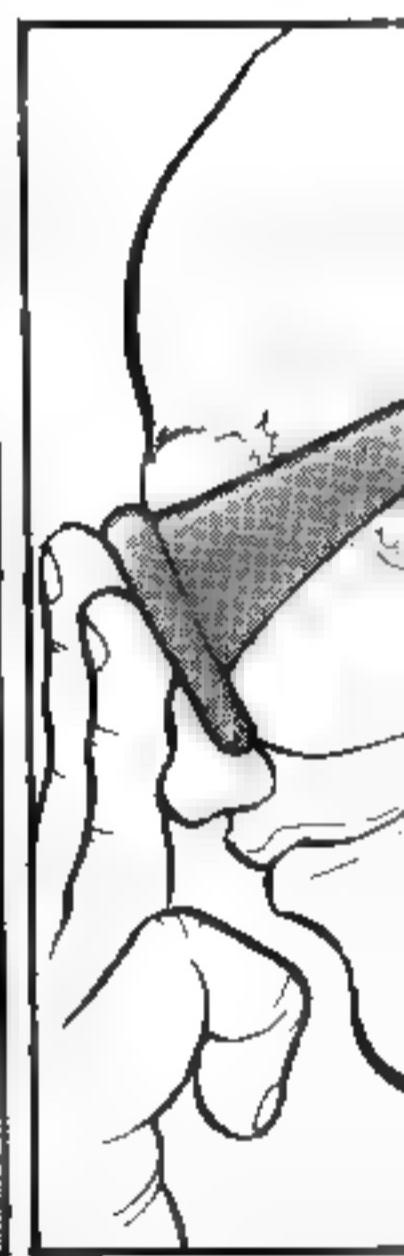
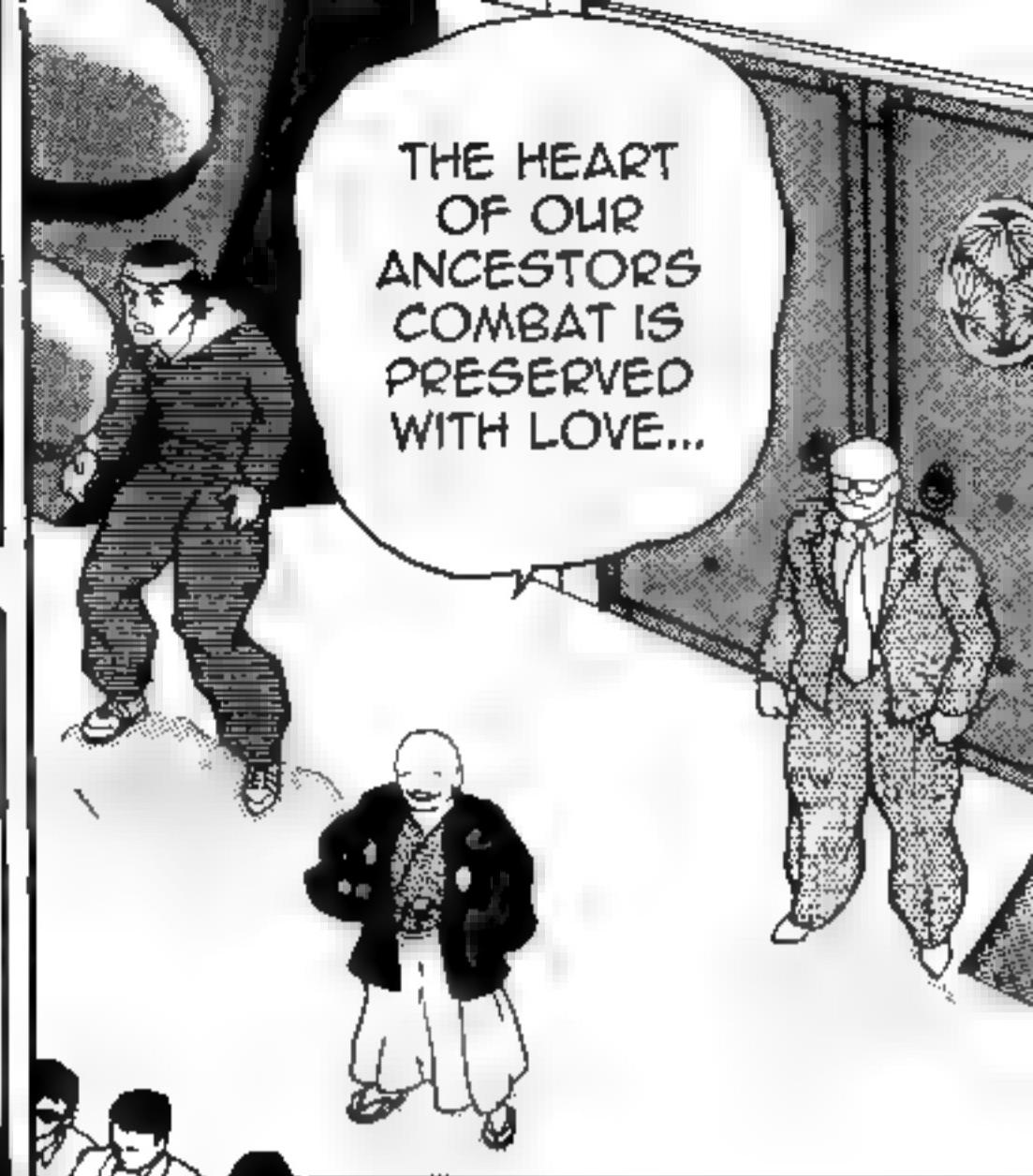
The Nioye Genbu (Azure Dragon) and Byakkō (White Tiger), are two gods said to guard the four cardinal directions. Genbu being the dragon of the east and Byakkō being the tiger of the west.



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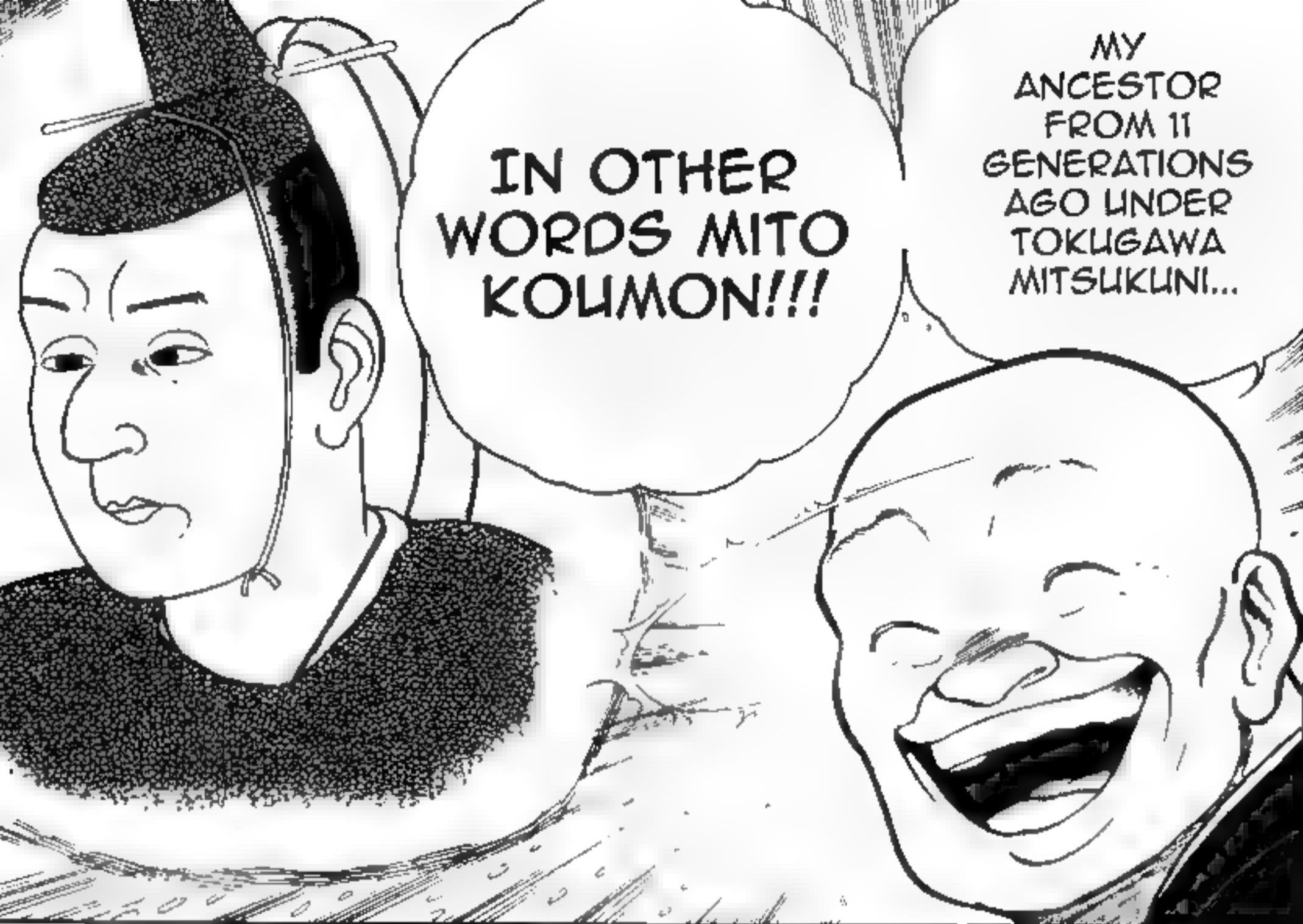






IN OTHER WORDS MITO KOLMON!!!

MY ANCESTOR FROM 11 GENERATIONS AGO UNDER TOKUGAWA MITSUKUNI...



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Pro Wrestler,
Ring Name:
Kuzumi Kouhei!!**

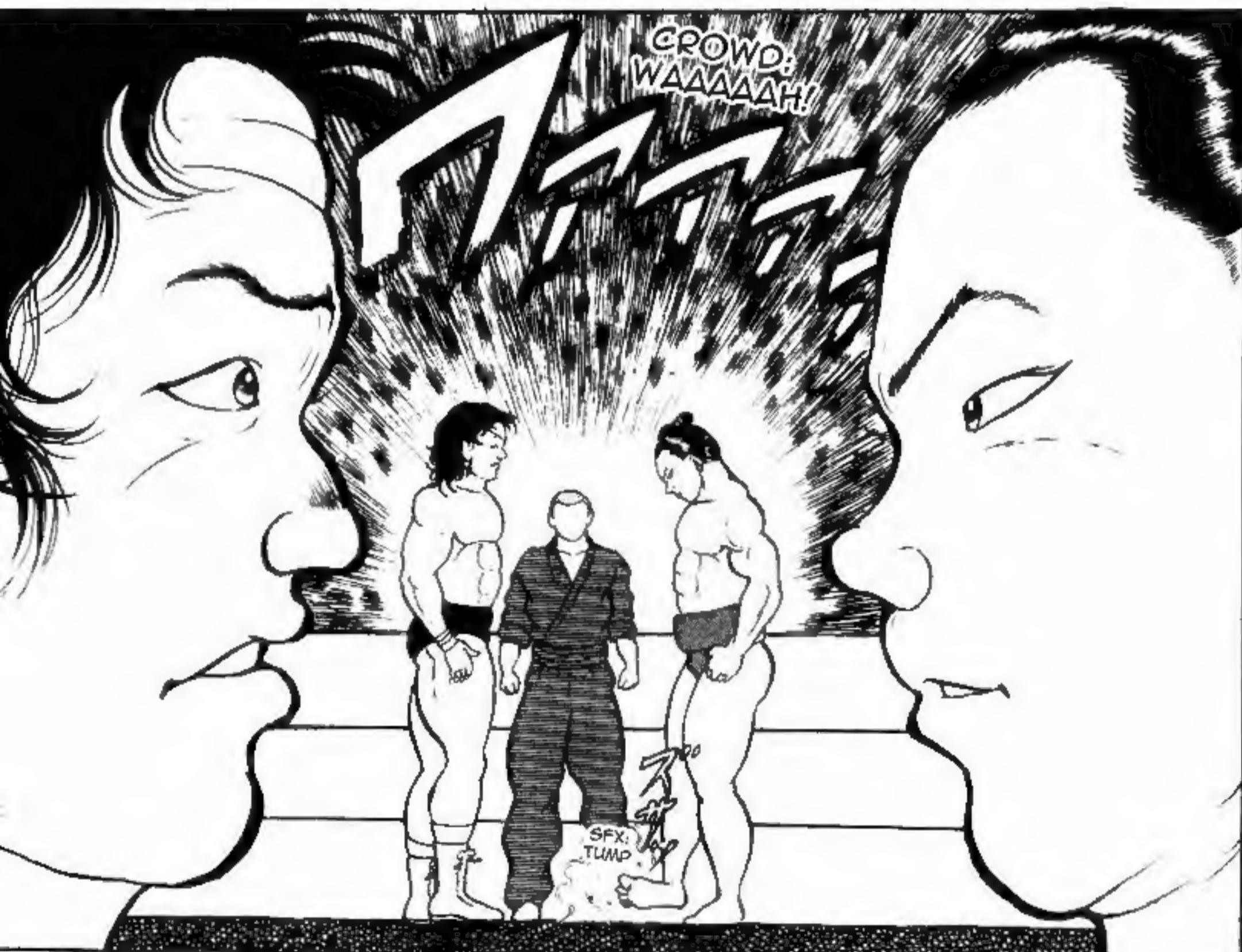


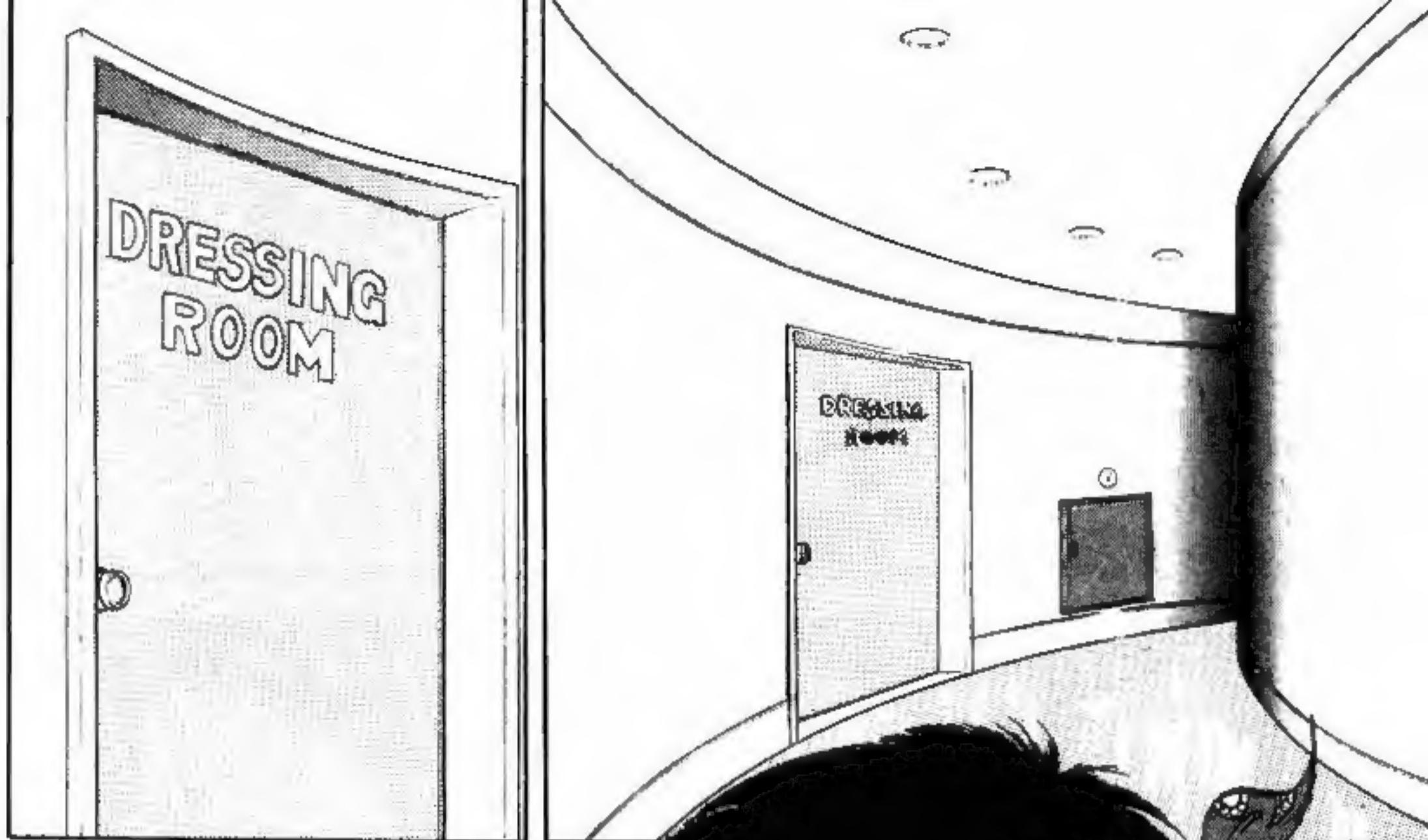
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Professional
Sumo Wrestler,
Ryuu Kongou!!**



AREN'T THOSE
THE ACTING
YOKOZUNA OF
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MAIN EVENTER
OF THE PRO
WRESTLING
CIRCUIT!?

N-...
NO
WAY!





BAKI THE GRAPPLER

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